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Jake Bragington, aged 11, and his mother Sarah, of Great Barr, preparing for a seven-mile walk to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital

Brave Jake steps out to help hospital

HE has suffered a brain tumour, a major seizure and water on the brain, but 11-year-old Jake Bragington is getting ready to put his walking boots on for the hospital which saved his life.

Jake, of Great Barr, has been in and out of Birmingham Children's Hospital since he was 14-months-old, after being diagnosed with hydrocephalus, or water on the brain. But he is preparing to take part in the BRMB Walkathon to raise money for the unit which helped him.

The walk round Birmingham's Outer Circle bus route will raise money to revamp the cramped and ageing emergency department at the hospital.

Pheasey Park Farm School pupil Jake said: "The people in the emergency department are always nice to me when I come in. It is sometimes scary but they make it fun and give you things to do so you don't think about it so much."

Determined

Jake was fitted with shunts behind his ears to drain fluid but later developed a benign brain tumour which meant he had to learn to walk again. He also suffered a terrifying seizure at the age of six.

His mum Sarah, aged 34, will join him on the seven-mile stretch of the 26-mile walk next month. She said: "He's determined to do it to say thank you to the hospital."

He will also be supported by his dad Duncan, 37, and five-year-old sister Emily.

Hit and run driver shows 'absolutely no remorse'

PRISON FOR BABY DEATH CRASH MAN

A BANNED driver who killed a baby in a hit-and-run crash while on bail for a 92mph car chase has been jailed for four and a half years.

Kabir Khan ran off after the Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution he was driving crashed into a Toyota Corolla in Smethwick, killing two-month-old Mohammed Isa.

At the time of the crash the 31-year-old, of Grange Road in Smethwick,was awaiting sentencing for a car chase in Birmingham, during which he reached

Victim: two-month-old Mohammed Isa

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speeds of up to 92mph in a 30mph zone.

Sentencing Khan, at Wolverhampton Crown Court on Monday, Judge Nicholas Webb said he had a callous and arrogant disregard for the laws of the land.

"You have shown absolutely no remorse for what you have done and this is as bad a case of causing death by careless driving as one can imagine," he said.

"You are wholly unfit to be driving on the roads of this country."

The court heard the car chase took place just before midnight in Washwood Heath on July 18. When police tried to pull over Khan, who had been drinking and was already disqualified from driving, he accelerated away, leading officers on a three-mile chase. He turned off his headlights, undertook cars and zipped between a bus and a car. It ended when he crashed into a roundabout.

Family

The second crash, killing baby Mohammed, was in Grove Lane in Smethwick on November 27 last year.

Experts say Khan was doing 58mph in a 40mph zone when the Toyota Corolla pulled out in front of him.

As well as tiny Mohammed, who was not strapped into his car seat, four others in the family car were injured.

David Lees, prosecuting, said the baby's father spent five weeks in hospital while a friend suffered a brain injury and fractures to her legs and pelvis.

Jailed – Kabir Khan

Witnesses described Khan as driving like a "boy racer".

Khan admitted causing death by careless driving, along with driving whilst disqualified, driving with no insurance, failure to stop, failure to report an accident, dangerous driving and driving with no insurance.

Khan was banned from driving for seven years and ordered to take an extended driving test before ever driving again.

Strike threat over fuel allowance

STRIKE action at Sandwell Council has moved a step closer after bosses approved a move to reduce staff petrol allowances from 65p to 45p per mile.

Angry union leaders have accused the council of giving their members an "effective pay cut" and have renewed a call for industrial action. But council chiefs say the move will save more than £1 million a year, which will go towards the £75m of savings needed over the next four years following cuts.

The move was ratified by the council's arbitration committee on Monday.

Brian Rickers, spokesman for Unite, one of the unions which represents council workers, said: "The council will shortly be serving 90 days' notice on our members informing them their terms and conditions of employment will be terminated and immediately replaced with the new rules. Once that notice has been served the three unions representing workers will call a mass meeting to discuss our next move.

"I hope all members will stand together and take industrial action."

The GMB and Unison also represent workers at Sandwell Council. Unison has held informal talks with its members discussing the possibility of industrial action, with Unison's regional organiser Edna Hall describing staff as "extremely angry".

She added: "Over the next few weeks we will be looking towards holding a mass meeting of our members to discuss our actions further."

Council bosses say the changes, which also include the removal of an 'essential car user' allowance, will cut the petrol expenses bill from £1.45m to just £350,000 a year.

Bored social worker surfed porn at work on computer

A SOCIAL worker, who looked for pornography web sites on his computer as he wiled away hours with little to do, has been allowed back into the profession.

Steve Simpson said his job for Sandwell Council only took him about one or two hours a day to complete and agreed he had used his work computer for "excessive browsing".

Although he denied looking at porn sites, he was sacked after his bosses found he had spent hours accessing or trying to access porn and escort websites.

Mr Simpson, 45, lost his job in May 2009 after being identified as the council's heaviest internet user by Sandwell's Websense security software.

He was suspended from the profession for two years by the General Social Care Council in July last year.

Restored

However, the Health Education and Social Care Tribunal on Monday overturned the suspension and restored him to the register of social workers.

Tribunal Judge Stewart Hunter said Mr Simpson had obtained sexual gratification while he should have been working, which was unacceptable and threatened to undermine public confidence.

However, Mr Simpson, an experienced social worker, had a previously "exemplary" record.

The tribunal heard Mr Simpson was meant to handle complaints and access records.

He accepted he spent too many hours on the internet but denied surfing porn sites, claiming someone else could have used his password.

A Sandwell Council spokesperson said: "We note the decision. We stand by our original decision to dismiss Mr Simpson from the council's employment."

Lifeline for Public

THE Arts Council has handed The Public a lottery lifeline – despite officially turning down its latest bid for funding.

Last week lots of arts organisations had their grant aid from the national culture quango slashed or removed altogether (*see page 4*).

The £72m West Bromwich town centre arts venue also found it had not been successful in obtaining national portfolio cash, just days after MPs labelled it as "perhaps the worst example of a gross waste of public money" in a damning report on the funding body. However, despite this the Arts Council has put aside lottery cash for The Public. It has also commissioned a report which will be published in September setting out what can be learnt from the "turbulent and controversial" project.

Ros Robins, Arts Council England, West Midlands Director, said: "They haven't been successful this time but we were really impressed by their application and the progress that they have made, both in terms of the quality of the arts programme, but also the turnaround in terms of audiences.

"Encouraging people in and using it was never going to be easy. We want to continue to support them. What we have done is set aside some lottery funding."

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Race chief defends teenagers' outing

THE council-organised trip that ended in scenes of violence in Blackpool has been defended by a race equality executive.

A group of 19 Muslim and Asian teenagers started a fight in the seaside resort after being taken there by Sandwell Borough Council amid fears they would cause trouble at an English Defence League march in Dudley.

The trip turned ugly when five of the gang confronted a father-of-two after spending the day at the town's Pleasure Beach attraction.

Last week, Race Equality Sandwell chief executive Derrick Campbell, who is also a Government adviser on tackling anti-social behaviour, defended the trip.

He said he knew about the day-long excursion and had supported it because it was believed the youths who were sent could be aggressors as well as targets in the EDL march.

"I would not say the trip had failed," he said. "Its purpose was to keep them away from the English Defence League march. If they got involved in something else in Blackpool, that's another matter."

At Wolverhampton Crown Court last week, prosecutor Mr David Swinnerton said the defendants – Riad Hussain, Wasim Telhat, Fahad Atiq, Raja Rashid and Mazahar Taheir – were taken to Blackpool by coach.

An off-duty police officer and five Sandwell Borough Council officials were part of the trip.

The court heard the group was involved in an affray involving father-of-two Derek Brownhill, who was from a coach parked nearby that had travelled from the Kingswinford area.

Mr Swinnerton said: "Mr Brownhill was punched and hit with such force by Riad Hussain that both feet left the ground and he ended up unconscious for a brief period."

The prosecutor said members of the group were heard chanting racist comments towards the coach, in the earshot of Mr Brownhill's pregnant partner, two young daughters and a group of elderly people.

Marginal

The court heard that the group then gave 19-year-old Hussain, of Brades Rise, Oldbury, a bruise on his face so they could try to claim his actions were in self defence.

Mr Swinnerton told the court that Rashid, aged 19, of Holcroft Street, Tipton, and Atiq, aged 17, of Latham Crescent, Tipton, were on bail for actual bodily harm offences at the time of the trouble in Blackpool. A jury hadfound them guilty of attacking two men, with Rashid using a claw hammer and Atiq his fists, in Sedgley Road East, Tipton, on April 6 last year.

Describing Hussain as a "young man with substantial problems", Mr David Iles, defending, said the teenager was suffering from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and oppositional defiant disorder.

For Taheir, aged 17, of Holcroft Street, Tipton, and Rashid, Miss Blondelle Thompson said they had pleaded guilty to the affray on the basis that they were present during the Blackpool incident but did not physically attack anyone.

Of Atiq, Miss Thompson said the teenager was a "bright and intelligent young man" who "knows he has to change".

For Telhat, aged 18, of Abbey Crescent, Oldbury, Mr Benjamin Williams, said he pleaded guilty to the public order offence and that his involvement in the incident was "marginal".

Hussain, Taheir, Rashid and Atiq had earlier pleaded guilty to affray and Telhat to a public order offence.

Judge Amjad Nawaz jailed Rashid for a total of 21 months and Atiq for a total of 16 months for their parts in the assault in Tipton and the incident in Blackpool. Hussain was jailed for 10 months.

Telhat was given a community order for 12 months and 12-month supervision order as well as 50 hours' unpaid work, while Tahier was ordered to do a 12-month rehabilitation order, as well as being supervised by the Probation Service for 12 months.

Judge Nawaz said: "There is nothing more disturbing than to have to sentence a dock full of young people just past their childhood years having engaged in offences of such severity that custodial sentences are inevitable."

Blackpool trip to avoid flashpoint ended in fight

A GROUP of Asian and Muslim teenagers started a fight in Blackpool after being taken on a taxpayer-funded trip to the seaside resort to stop them causing trouble at an English Defence League march in Dudley.

The five youths were driven to the Lancashire town's Pleasure Beach attraction by Sandwell Council amid fears they could become embroiled in the EDL event in Dudley.

But during their day-long excursion, they were involved in a fight which left father-of-two Derek Brownhill unconscious and with bruising and swelling to his face and head, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The trip cost the public purse more than £2,113 and saw the group, who were aged 17 and 19 and from the Tipton and Oldbury areas, accompanied by a police officer and officials from the council.

Prosecutor Mr David Swinnerton told the court that the teenagers were part of a large group of Asian and Muslim youths that were taken to Blackpool by coach on July 17 last year.

He said: "The five defendants were part of a group of 19 Asian and Muslim males specifically taken to Blackpool by a police officer and five other officials from Sandwell Borough Council for the purpose of distracting them from anti-social behaviour on the day of the EDL march in Dudley."

At the time of the violence, two of the gang were on bail for a hammer attack in Tipton that took place three months before the Blackpool incident.

Three of the defendants were jailed for up to 21 months by Judge Amjad Nawaz last week.

Sandwell Council said the trip to Blackpool had been organised with the support of police to help reduce tensions and deter teenagers who may have been at risk of getting involved in demonstrations in Dudley on the day.

The council said the £2,113.42 cost of the trip was met by the Government's Youth Justice Board.

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> **– Councillor Derek Rowley, Sandwell Council's cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods**

It said although it had no plans to do anything similar in the future, it would have to consider removing young people from situations in an attempt to prevent them from getting into trouble.

Councillor Derek Rowley, Sandwell Council's cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods, said: "Clearly, this was a very unfortunate incident which we totally condemn.

Disappointing

"We have a duty to foster good community relations and we will continue to work with local people and all our partner organisations towards that aim."

In total, 19 youngsters went on the trip. Eight were aged 16 or above and 11 were under 16. In addition, there were five youth workers and one police officer, who went on a voluntary basis.

Chief Superintendent Mark Robinson, commander for Sandwell Police, said "Whilst we feel that the decision to try and prevent any potential violence among local youths was the right one, clearly the events that followed were hugely disappointing."

Mazahar Taheir outside court

Seaside day tripper – Wasim Telhat

Wireless cameras to tackle anti-social menace

FIVE CCTV cameras providing crystal-clear images will be installed in Sandwell to fight anti-social behaviour.

The wireless cameras, which will cost Sandwell Council £48,000, use 3G technology and can be quickly transported between locations.

Any street in the borough could have a camera installed if it becomes a hotspot for hooligans.

Monitored

The council currently operates 36 static CCTV cameras in West Bromwich, nine in Greets Green and seven in Wednesbury.

The cameras should be operational within a few weeks and will be monitored by Sandwell Homes at its centre in Oldbury.

Boost for children's services

A SURPRISE inspection by Government inspectors of Sandwell's children's services department has given it a boost, following the shock of a after a damning report in 2009.

Ofsted carried out the inspection of the authority's children's assessment teams at the beginning of March.

It found children in need received a "quick and appropriate" response and the council was meeting its legal duties in contact, referral and assessment. It also noted progress in those areas which were criticised in 2009.

Millions of pounds is being invested in the borough's children's services following the previous Ofsted report.

An investigation was launched and social workers suspended after Ofsted judged Sandwell as 'inadequate'. Ministers issued an Improvement Notice to the council, and an improvement plan has been drawn up in response.

Review

Inspectors spoke to staff at all levels during the recent two-day inspection, as well as looking at case notes and other evidence.

The findings will influence the outcome of Ofsted's annual review.

Sandwell Council's cabinet member for children and families, Bob Badham said: "It reflects the many far-reaching changes we have made to child protection."

PR victory

A TIVIDALE student has won a work experience placement in an initiative to nurture creative talent. Birmingham City Univesity media and communications student Jarrod Williams, of Mallen Drive, won the public relations category of B Hive 2011. Students were briefed to create a campaign promoting Birmingham as a culinary destination

Man accused

AN illegal immigrant accused of running a cannabis factory has been remanded in custody. Hung Viet Mai, aged 18, appeared via video link at Warley Magistrates Court charged with producing class B drugs, using electricity without authority and entering the UK illegally. He gave no indication of plea and there was no application for bail.

Robot workshops at The Public this Easter

VISITORS to West Bromwich arts centre The Public can take part workshops this Easter.

Between April 11 and 23, the New Street centre will have events ranging from helping to build a gigantic mechanical structure in Kinetic Corner, to designing and printing a mug in the Make a Mug Workshop.

Kinetic Corner will be held on April 13, 15, 18 and 20. Youngsters over 11 can help to build a giant mechanical structure. The sessions, £1, will run from 10.15am to12.30pm and 12.45 to 3pm.

Children aged between three and 11 can take part in sci-fi themed play and paint sessions on April 13, 15 and 18. Youngsters can make their own robots from 10.15am to 12.30pm and 12.45 to 3pm for £2.

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Civic honours for Josie and Bill

Sandwell Council Leader Cllr Darren Cooper and Sandwell Mayor Cllr Pauline Hinton, with Josie and Bill

OLD Hill-born actress Josie Lawrence was all smiles as she was offically installed as a Freeman of the Borough of Sandwell.

The 51-year-old actress, who was recently in EastEnders playing the role of Amanda Best, became the borough's 11th freeman in a ceremony attended by 140 people, including her family and friends.

Josie, who is regularly seen in and around the borough where her family still live, now lives in London.

A delighted Josie said: "This is such a great honour, no, it's my greatest honour. I am humbled by this.

"London where I now live, is where my head is for work but Sandwell and Old Hill is where my heart is."

Probably best known for her comedy performances in the TV series Whose Line Is It Anyway? Josie is also a respected stage actress, a career which began at the Barlow Theatre in Oldbury, where she is now a patron.

She is also invoved in charity work, having helped to raise hundreds of thousands of pounds for breast cancer research and for children suffering from autism and special needs.

Josie will be the second actress to be given the honour in Sandwell after Smethwick-born Julie Walters.

Also, at the ceremony one of Sandwell's best-known characters, ex-mayor and former Wednesbury councillor Bill Archer was made an honorary alderman. He raised a record amount of money – £35,500 – for charities Prostate Cancer and Guide Dogs for the Blind during his year as mayor.

"I can honestly say I enjoyed every minute serving the people of Wednesbury," said Mr Archer

Both awards were made by Sandwell Mayor Cllr Pauline Hinton who said: "They richly deserve these honours. Josie is a great credit to Sandwell and over the years Bill was what you could only describe as a perfect councillor."

Road closures for two huge parades

ROADS in West Bromwich and Smethwick will close on Easter Sunday, with massive St George's and Vaisakhi processions being held in the borough.

Both parades are to be held on April 24.

Rolling closures for the St George's Day parade in West Bromwich will be in place from 9am to 1pm. There are also closures in Smethwick from 7am for the Sikh community's Vaisakhi procession.

Some streets in both of the towns will be closed for the duration of both events.

There are fears that churchgoers could struggle to get to Easter Sunday services because of the closures.

Around 90,000 Sikhs are anticipated to attend the Vaisakhi celebrations, with the parade going from Smethwick to Handsworth.

Last year 20,000 people attended the St George's Day parade in West Bromwich. Under draft plans set to be agreed by Sandwell's Safety at Public Events group this week, closures will be in place in Westminister Road, Marsh Lane and Walsall Road in West Bromwich on April 24 for the St George's parade.

They will continue along Heath Lane, All Saints Way, Church Vale, Dagger Lane, Lloyd Street and Segar Street.

These roads will reopen as soon as the parade has cleared, although Stanway Road will be closed to through traffic for the duration of the event.

Carnival

In Smethwick there will be closures on High Street, Tollhouse Way, Rabone Lane and Booth Street on the morning of April 24 for the Vaisakhi event.

On leaving Booth Street in Sandwell the Vaisakhi procession will continue across the borough boundary into Birmingham where it will continue to Handsworth Park.

Organisers of the St George's Day parade have revealed that the march will end with a carnival-style event at West Bromwich's Dartmouth Park.

Attractions will include stalls, fairground rides and refreshments.

There had been concerns that the event in West Bromwich could have beem scrapped if organisers struggled to raise the funds, after Sandwell Council decided not to contribute towards externally organised community events.

But the Stone Cross St George Association, which runs the event, has already raised more than half of the £10,000 fundraising target.

Event spokesman Mark Cowles said the event, which starts in Stone Cross and ends at the park, would finish with a ceremony with the British Legion at the Cenotaph, where the Last Post would be played. Then the fun can start in the park

He added: "We are trying to create a carnival type atmosphere."

Soldiers walk to boost fund

Soldiers from 237 Brigade Support Squadron raising money for Troop Aid

A GROUP of Sandwell Territorial Army soldiers were overwhelmed by the support shown to them on a charity half-marathon.

The 15 men from 237 Brigade Support Squadron in West Bromwich completed the 13-mile walk while carrying one of their men on a stretcher to raise funds for Troop Aid. The charity supplies bags of basic essentials to injured soldiers who arrive at hospital.

The walk, from Birmingham Airport to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Edgbaston, followed the route which injured soldiers take when they return from serving overseas. Warrant Officer Jim Oldfield, who organised the event, said: "I wanted to do something for the charity, because their cause means so much to us.

"We got an absolutely fantastic reception."

He added that he was also pleased to have the support of the family of Staff Sergeant Brett Linley, aged 29, from Bournville, who was killed in Afghanistan last year.

The 237 Brigade Support Squadron hope to have raised in the region of £1,000 for the charity.

To donate, call (0121) 500 2889.

Work is starting on pavilion revamp

WORK is due to start on the creation of a £200,000 community pavilion in Great Barr's Red House Park.

A run-down sports building in the park is set to be completely transformed. The new pavilion will include community rooms with kitchen and bathroom, as well as fully refurbished changing rooms, a referees' room and a meeting area. Sandwell Council, which is behind the scheme, wants to create a facility that can be used all year round.

The authority made the decision to create the new facilities following years of lobbying by community group, The Friends of Red House Park.

Sandwell Urban Design Architects carried out a feasibility study of the existing pavilion and concluded that while the building did serve a purpose, it was "plain ugly and very basic".

An artist's impression of the revamped pavilion

David Brown, greenspace development manager at Sandwell Council, said: "The purpose of the refurbishments is to bring a redundant area of the sports pavilion back into use and give the building a complete makeover. The building is very basic but functional and structurally in a good condition, but it looks out of character within the park."

The Friends' group had originally hope to have Red House – a Grade II Listed mansion within the park – made into a community facility. However, the building which dates back to 1841 is instead being converted into apartments.

Mr Brown added: "The Friends of Red House Park have requested a community facility within the park, that can be used for meetings and events. With this in mind we looked at the redundant areas of the sports pavilion and concluded this could be converted. The location directly off the Newton Road and large car park makes the building an ideal location."

Work is due to start this month.

Ed Miliband with pupils at Perry Common Junior and Infant School last Thursday

Labour leader blasts the cuts on school visit

LABOUR Party leader Ed Miliband blasted the coalition government's cuts as "too far and too fast" during a visit to a north Birmingham school.

He spoke to councillors and members of the public at Perry Common Junior and Infant School, as he and deputy leader Harriet Harman launched his party's 2011 local elections campaign.

He told them: "British people have a deep sense of fairness and these cuts are not being implemented fairly."

Praised

During his speech he name-checked Sandwell's council leader Councillor Darren Cooper and praised the council for being a good example for cutting back office staff rather than front line services in the bid to make savings.

He said: "There are big challenges that we face and people have to use these local elections to ask if the Government is going in the right direction.

"I want Labour in these local elections to be your voice in tough times. I am determined that Labour stands up for people's living standards, for the next generation and for protecting strong communities."

Health centre to open next week

A GREAT Barr health centre which residents campaigned for will officially open on Monday, April 11.

The Tanhouse Centre, on Hamstead Road, has now been refitted to offer GP and other health services, with several consulting rooms and a new entrance.

Health bosses at the borough's Primary Care Trust are now in the process of commissioning the building.

Clare Neill, spokeswoman for the trust, said: "The opening date has now been set for April 11 and it will be a a very welcome boost to residents."

The revamp of the centre into a clinic was due to be completed in January but was set back two months after structural problems were found in the roof.

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Commuter car park plan at site

WORK to turn a former steelworks site into homes has ground to halt, prompting developers to consider converting it into a temporary car park for commuters.

The former AS Rollings Mills site opposite Cradley Heath train station was due to be transformed into 40 one and two-bedroomed apartments. Hagley-based property developer Selbourne Homes began demolition work on Lower High Street in 2007.

Now bosses have applied for planning permission to temporarily turn the site into a 136-space parking spot for train users.

Selbourne Homes managing director Gavin Warr said: "Given the state of the property market, we have decided to put the scheme to one side for the time being.

"We have identified a need for extra parking near the train station.It is to get income from the land which is just sitting there in the short term."

Pledge to help school improve

A SENIOR councillor has pledged to "do all he can" to help a Sandwell school that's been labeled "inadequate."

The Heathfield Foundation Technology College, in Cradley Heath, has been given a notice to improve after Ofsted inspectors rated it "inadequate" in January.

An application has been made for the school, based in Wrights Lane, to become an academy outside council control. The application is pending with the Department for Education.

A likely requirement for the school to become an academy is the removal of the headteacher and governing board under Government guidelines.

The borough's education councillor Bob Badham said he would do all he could to speed up improvements at the Wrights Lane school.

He said: "We're working behind the scenes with partners to give the school all the support we can. I'm optimistic we will soon see improvements there."

One of the actions proposed by the council, and waiting for approval from the Government, is to install an interim executive board in place of the current school's governing body. That board would theen decide on the future leadership of Heathfield.

Adrian's Baggies pants fly off the shelves

WEST Bromwich Albion-inspired underpants designed by TV presenter Adrian Chiles are flying off the shelves.

The Daybreak presenter and dedicated Baggies fan has designed the white and black striped pants for Marks & Spencer as part of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

His designs are outselling others created by fellow celebrities, former England footballers Jamie Redknapp and Les Ferdinand MBE, Ben Shephard, Jimmy White and Jason Leonard OBE.

Rugby

Chiles has 26 per cent of sales so far, followed by Jimmy White and Ben Shephard at 19 per cent, Les Ferdinand and Jamie Redknapp are at 13 per cent and rugby legend Jason Leonard has 11 per cent.

The total amount sold has not been revealed. The pants are priced £15 for a pack of two designs, with all proceeds going to The Prostate Cancer Charity.

Darkside in concert

PINK Floyd tribute band Darkside will make its debut appearance at The Public in West Bromwich on Saturday night

The Wolverhampton-based band has headlined at two Pink Floyd conventions held in Brighton and Glasgow.

Linda Saunders, managing director of The Public said: "Darkside are nationally renowned as one of the most authentic Pink Floyd tribute acts."

Tickets at the New Street vene are priced £10 advance or £12 on the door. Call 0121 533 7161.

Arts hit by big spending cuts

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WEST Bromwich's £72 million arts centre The Public has had a bid for more money from the Arts Council turned down.

The national funding body for the arts has swung the axe to slash cash in a bid to reduce its spending nationwide by more than £450m over four years.

The funding body, which has spent more than £32m of public money on the centre in recent years, refused the latest application for cash. Bosses at the New Street centre were told it had lost out to other projects.

Ros Robins, Arts Council England, West Midlands Director, said: "When it came to balancing the portfolio other organisations were preferred."

The Public costs £2.2m a year to run. Sandwell Council stepped in to save the controversial venue when other sources of funding dried up.

The Arts Council said it plans to identify alternative funding streams to support the centre's programme.

A spokesperson from the Arts Council said: "'Sandwell Arts Trust, the body that took over the management of The Public from 2009, made a modest application to the National Portfolio for funds to invest solely in its arts programme, not in the running of the building. It was thought that the programme would make a strong contribution to our goals but when it came to balancing the portfolio other organisations were preferred."

The Arts Council stated it was impressed by the progress that had been made and would look at alternative sources of funding so Sandwell Arts Trust's good work could continue.

'We are aware, however, that this creates a significant gap for us in provision locally and so propose to deploy resources between 2012 – 2015 from our strategic funds to support work in this area. We will set aside resources and discuss with Sandwell Arts Trust and Sandwell MBC how an application can be developed to help us ensure that high quality arts work can be developed.'

Managing Director of The Public, Linda Saunders said "We are delighted that the Arts Council is committed to supporting our artistic programme. We are looking forward to continuing to nurture new and young artists and showcase their work alongside established, highly regarded artists – using the arts to contribute to the exciting regeneration plans already in place for West Bromwich."

Arts groups across the West Midlands were facing millions of pounds of funding cuts when the Arts Council unveiled its new funding for the next four years. It will see arts organisations in the Black Country receiving £4.3 million in funding from April 2012. The quango has been ordered to cut £457m over four years nationally.

Among those hit by cuts is the prestigious Birmingham Royal Ballet, which recently celebrated 20 years in the city, which will see its grant fall from £8.1m to £7.2m in 2012/13 but then it goes back up to £7.6m in 2015.

Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre will experience a £4,000 taking it to £48,852 but it can look forward to its funding soaring to £114,862 by 2015.

West Bromwich-based Black Country Touring, which brings touring productions to areas without much live theatre, will also have to endure a cut of £7,500 before it gets more money, going from £102,670 in 2011/12 to £149,761 three years later.

Orchestra

City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra is losing £160,710 this coming year and will see its grant frozen at £2.1m until 2013.

Chief executive Stephen Maddock said: "Whilst this is not a cash cut, in real terms this represents a total decrease of 11 per cent over three years. Combined with the cut from Birmingham City Council, this still remains a challenging time for us."

Peter Phillips, chairman of the Arts Council's West Midlands Regional Council said: "Regretfully, we were not able to fund a number of good organisations due to budget restraints but I hope we may be able to support some of those organisations in different ways."

Town Hall, Symphony Hall and Birmingham Jazz have been successful in their application for Arts Council funding, and have been offered a place in the Arts Council's National Portfolio programme. Funding has been granted for the music programme together with new jazz-based education and community work. The latter will develop the talents of young people by working with community groups like the Town Hall Community Gospel Choir, the Birmingham Jazz Youth Ensemble, and the Notebenders, as well as schools and residents in Ladywood, Erdington and Perry Barr.

Tidy pupils win awards

Tameside Primary School pupils receive a Think Before You Throw award from the Mayor of Sandwell Cllr Pauline Hinton

A WEDNESBURY school is celebrating an award for its efforts to keep Sandwell tidy.

Tameside Primary School has been awarded the Think Before You Throw school status award from environmental charity Tipton Litter Watch.

The school was judged and demonstrated high awareness and respect for its environment.

The award was presented at a surprise assembly at the Price Road school attended by Sandwell Mayor Councillor Pauline Hinton and Wednesbury town lead member Cllr Geoff Lewis.

Head teacher Gary Linford head teacher said "We encourage our pupils to recycle and look after the environment. We conduct numerous sustainable projects both in school and within our local community.

"We have also developed an environmental garden from scratch, establishing a gardening gang that go around school at break and lunchtimes litter picking and collecting fruit waste for our compost bins."

He added: "We are honoured to be one of just 26 schools in Sandwell to be awarded this prestigious title."

As well as being presented with the award, banner, plaque and trophy, pupils have been given a Rolypig composter for their eco garden.

Whitecrest Primary School in Great Barr has also been awarded the Think Before You Throw award.

Linda Deeley, head teacher, said: "Everybody at Whitecrest works extremely hard to make our school sustainable. We conduct numerous environmental projects in school – we have green days, compost and fruit monitors, recycling and energy monitors. At break and lunchtimes pupils undertake litter picking duties and our eco committee is always on hand."

Recycling centre will boost jobs

A NEW waste and recycling centre will transform a former Oldbury transport depot, creating at least 60 jobs.

The centre at the empty Rosier Transport site, in Trinity Street, will be run by Weir Waste Services Ltd. Developers are now set to transform the derelict site with new industrial buildings and parking for the operation, which has a 42-truck fleet.

Around 400,000 tons of household, commercial and industrial wastes will be dealt with at the site each year. The majority, up to about 300,000 tons, will comprise construction waste.

Nick Hood, of Coventry-based MDG Planning, which is working on plans for Weir Waste, said: "The proposed facility will largely be provided by the partial relocation of existing premises in Birmingham and will initially introduce approximately 50 to 60 new jobs in the area, together with existing administrative and management positions.

Traffic

"Upon the full operation of the facility it is likely that the number of employees will rise."

He added that traffic flow would be minimal compared to the site's previous use as a transport yard. Half of Weir Waste's fleet would leave early in the morning and not return until late at night, leaving the other half working nearby returning to the centre three to four times a day, Mr Hood said.

The largest existing building on site will be extended to accept household, commercial and industrial waste deliveries.

Paedophile fails in sentence appeal

AN alcoholic paedophile who forced a nine-year-old girl to undress in front of a webcam – and then threatened to send the pictures to her parents – has failed in a Court of Appeal challenge to his potential lifelong sentence.

Mark Kenneth Banner was jailed indefinitely at Wolverhampton Crown Court in January 2007 after admitting causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity and a string of child pornography offences.

The 46-year-old of Johnson Road, Wednesbury, was caught when the girl complained to her mother that "a man on the internet" had made her take her clothes off on camera.

Risk

When he was sentenced, the crown court judge said Banner posed a "significant risk of serious harm" to children and handed him an open-ended sentence of imprisonment for public protection.

His lawyers argued that it was wrong to categorise him as such a public danger and that the indeterminate sentence should not have been passed.

But, rejecting the appeal, Mrs Justice Nicola Davies, sitting with Lord Justice Moses and Mr Justice Maddison, said the pattern of Banner's offences had shown "significant escalation" and upheld Banner's sentence.

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Court watch

RECENT convictions at Warley Magistrates Court included:

Robert Edward Fieldhouse, aged 27, of Kenrick House, Green Street, West Bromwich: Fined £165 with £50 costs and £15 victim surcharge for having had with him, without good reason or lawful authority in a public place, namely Lissimore House lift, Maria Street, West Bromwich, an article which had a blade or was sharply pointed, namely a kitchen knife.

Benjamin Richard Hadley, aged 24, of Linton Avenue, Hateley Heath: Fined £200 with £85 costs, £15 victim surcharge and disqualified from driving for 18 months for driving a Mini Cooper S on Wolverhampton Road without insurance and exceeding the limit for alcohol.

Luke Antonio Malcolm, aged 26, of Mountbatten Close, West Bromwich: Jailed for 28 days for knowing or believing that someone was a potential witness in proceedings for an offence, made telephone calls and wrote letters which intimidated and was intended to intimidate this person, intending thereby to cause the course of justice to be obstructed, perverted or interfered with.

Paula Antoinette Alfred (alias: Paula Antonia Hamilton), aged 38, of David Peacock Close, Tipton: Given a 12 month community order, 100 hours unpaid work, £85 costs and disqualified from driving for 12 months for driving a Rover on Sedgley Road West without insurance and while disqualified from driving.

Krzystof Leszek Maciola (alias: Krzysztof Leszek Maciola), aged 41, of Cheshire Road, Smethwick: Fined £200 with £85 costs and £15 victim surcharge for being in possession of a quantity of cannabis and a quantity of amphetamine.

Joanne Reece, aged 38, of Bloomfield Road, Tipton: Fined £140 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and disqualified from driving for 18 months for driving a Renault Megane on Laburnum Road, Tipton, while exceeding the limit for alcohol.

Sean David Tester, aged 21, of Broome Avenue, Hamstead, Great Barr: Given a 12 month community order, 60 hours unpaid work and to pay £85 costs for having had with him, without good reason or lawful authority in a public place – Hamstead Road – a knife.

Jai Jewellers in Cape Hill was targeted by armed raiders

Robber Sandeep Singh

Robber Sandeep Kumar

Gun raid on jewellers is caught on camera

Kumar, front, and Singh pose as customers at the door

Singh pulls a gun on shop jewellery shop owner Deepak Gogna

The shop fills with smoke after an alarm is activated

THESE dramatic pictures capture the moment two ruthless gunmen were foiled during a terrifying bid to rob a Smethwickjewellers.

The CCTV images were released by police as robbers Sandeep Singh and Sandeep Kumar started 12 and 10-year jail sentences.

The pair posed as customers to trick their way into Jai Jewellers in Cape Hill before pulling 9mm handguns on horrified owner Deepak Gogna and his wife.

Mr Gogna was pistol whipped but still managed to activate an alarm that filled the store with smoke, allowing him and and his wife to slip out of the back.

Singh frantically tried to shoot his way out by aiming his gun, that was loaded with live ammunition, at the front window of the store – where a group of school children had gathered.

Luckily the gun jammed when the 27-year-old pulled the trigger.

Then he and Kumar, aged 26, tried to make their escaoe by shattering the reinforced plate glass with chairs.

The desperate duo battered a hole in the window during the raid at 3.30pm on November 10 last year but it was not large enough to climb through. Brave passers-by tried to block their escape route by pulling down the shutters.

The robbers managed to fumble through the fog of white smoke fillingthe room to find the button that released the first of two doors leading to the street. But this locked behind the raiders trapping them between two security doors.

Emergency services arrived and fire crews spent 10 minutes cutting away the outer door to allow waiting armed police to disarm and arrest Singh and Kumar, whose gun did not have a firing pin.

Mr Gogna said: "Initially my wife and I felt shocked and worried that it could happen again.

Nightmares

"We now treat all customers with suspicion and still have nightmares."

The robbery came less than a month after a similar attack on Dulhan Jewellers in Palfrey, Walsall, on October 13, in which Singh was involved.

He appeared to be a customer and was allowed into the premises where he pulled out an imitation handgun on owner Waheed Ahmad before opening the security doors for three men. They emptied £96,000 worth of jewellery into laundry bags along with £1,700 cash from the safe. The gang escaped in a stolen transit van that was dumped nearby.

Another transit van was pictured on CCTV parked outside Jai Jewellers during the bungled raid. It was driven away when it became obvious that the two robbers were not coming out and was later found abandoned nearby. Laundry bags like those used to carry away jewellery from the earlier raid were found inside the vehicle.

Singh and Kumar, both of Chantry Road, Handsworth, were jailed at Wolverhampton Crown Court on Friday. Singh pleaded guilty to robbery, attempted robbery and possession of a firearm and was sentenced to 12 years while Kumar got 10 years after admitting attempted robbery and possessing a firearm.

Ten year ban for mother and daughter who let dog suffer mange

A MOTHER and daughter have been banned from keeping animals for 10 years after failing to get treatment for a dog suffering from a serious skin disease and flea infestation.

RSPCA officers found the six-month-old Staffordshire bull terrier-type dog with open and sore wounds.

At Warley Magistrates Court on Friday Jane Callaghan, aged 29, and her mother Mary Tedstone, 66, from West Bromwich, were fined £100 each and ordered to pay £500 each in costs.

One vet said it was one of the worst cases of the disease, called demodectic mange, he had ever seen.

Presiding magistrate Terry Wood said: "We accept in this case that it was more an inadequate call for help rather than a deliberate cruel act but it resulted in the animal suffering very badly."

Prosecutor Gaynor Sutton said RSPCA officers were called to the home in Trinity Street on September 15 after receiving a phone call. Although the phone call was recorded as a complaint, it was not clear who it was made by.

The dog, called Princess, was suffering from from a flea infestation that had caused anaemia.

Mother-of-two Callaghan and her mother Tedstone, who are both on benefits, each pleaded guilty to two counts of causing unnecessary suffering to an animal in that they had failed to provide Princess with veterinary care or a routine flea cleaning.

Recovery

Milo Turner, defending, said Callaghan and Tedstone had inherited their pet from a litter produced by a neighbour's dog. He pointed out neither had previous convictions .

"Both accept that they ought to have made arrangements to take the dog to a vet of some sort," he said.

Mr Wood ordered Princess be rehomed. The dog has now made a full recovery.

More than 20 council wage appeals unheard

A FINAL 23 appeals against new wage bands introduced by Sandwell Council have still to be heard, three months after the deadline passed.

The council has already spent £4.1 million on implementing single status – a Government-imposed scheme to introduce new pay structures.

A total of 1,066 people appealed after 10 new wage bands were brought in at the authority in January last year.

Of these 448 were successful, with the final 23 still to be heard.

Confident

Cabinet Councillor Mahboob Hussain said: "We are confident that the £600,000 we set aside for appeals will cover the costs involved."

Meanwhile, Walsall Council, which employs around 10,000 workers, is due to implement single status in the summer but has warned employees that if they cannot agree on new terms they face dismissal.

The council says said it may have to borrow up to £48.4 million to cover extra pay.

Credit union card lets members shop online

A CREDIT union set up to help people in Sandwell with their finances has introduced a new payment card.

The Sandwell 6Towns Credit Union, which aims to provide an alternative to loan sharks, has launched the Escape Card to make shopping and buying on-line easier.

Chief executive Arun Budon said: "The Escape Card is a simple solution and will give our members flexibility when managing their finances and allow them to take advantage of the discounts available from online retailers or to shop over the phone. These are options most people take for granted but now we can offer to give our members more convenience, instant access to funds and the opportunity to use the card at shops, ATMs, post offices and to shop online. There are no credit checks on the system."

Murder case adjourned until May

FOUR men have appeared in court charged with murdering a plasterer who was shot in Wolverhampton. Lee Douglas, aged 31, was shot in the throat and back during at a house on the corner of Arthur Road and Wellington Road, Bilston. Mr Douglas, of Tudor Court, Tipton, was killed at around 12.30am on November 11.

Remanded in custody are Jahmayne Meade, 23, and his brother Courtney Meade, 20, are accused with Ricardo Morgan, 20, and Irfan Patel, 23. The four, all from Leicester, were due to enter pleas at Wolverhampton Crown Court on Friday. But lawyers asked for more time and the case was adjourned until May.

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Marathon pair Paul and Nikki Green with pupils Olivia Ball, Lara Taylor, Tia Nicholls, Leigha Guy, Nathan Rivett, Charlotte Davies and Jordan Jones

Pupils back marathon duo

PUPILS at a Black Country primary school put their best feet forward to support two married staff members who are preparing to tackle the London Marathon.

When Tividale Hall nursery teacher Nikki Green and her husband Paul, who is site manager, revealed their plans, the children were quick to help. The couple are raising money for Asthma UK and have been challenged to make £3,000 by the charity.

Mr Green, aged 44, said: "When the children at school heard what we were doing they couldn't wait to help. Everyone pledged to walk a mile round the playground and try and raise a bit of money to help our cause." To donate to the cause, visit www.justgiving.com/paul-nikki-green.

Call for road safety measures outside town high schools

CAMPAIGNERS have handed in a 1,000-signature petition calling for traffic calming measures outside two Sandwell secondary schools saying it is "only a matter of time" before someone is seriously injured.

Parents, staff and children from Wood Green High School and Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School in Wednesbury are demanding action is taken on the busy Wood Green Road, where motorists come off the M6 at Junction 9.

Among the measures being called for is a pelican crossing.

Sandwell's cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods Councillor Derek Rowley has promised to look at the issue.

Residents also want to see measures to slow traffic leaving the motorway, higher railings on the central reservation of Wood Green Road and the pelican crossing at the junction of Wood Green Road, Myvod Road and Woden Road East.

Andy Taylor, aged 41 of Vimy Road, decided to start the petition when his 11-year-old son Bradley started at Wood Green in September. The retail sales worker who is married to Lorraine, 42, and has another son Matthew, 15, who attends Sandwell Academy, said: "It is only a matter of time before there is going to be a fatality.

"It is a very busy road, there are two schools and in the mornings and afternoons there is in excess of 2,000 children crossing it.

Headteacher

"We understand there are cutbacks, but what value can you put on child's life?"

Mr Pank Patel, headteacher at Wood Green High School, said: "We are part of that petition.

"Not just our students, but the students from Stuart Bathurst and other primary schools use that road. We don't want the council to act after an accident, we want something done to stop accidents from happening."

Cllr Rowley, said: "There is an investigation going on at the moment into this ."

50-year-old football hooligan is jailed

A FOOTBALL hooligan from Wednesbury has been jailed for his part in a brawl on the day of a big FA Cup match.

Judge Martin Edmunds told Chelsea fan Ian Cutler, aged 50, of Wednesbury, he was "old enough to know better" after he was spotted kicking and punching a man lying on the ground.

He admitted violent disorder on February 13 last year when Chelsea played at home to Cardiff City. The builder, who has football convictions dating back to the 1970s, was jailed for 14 months when he appeared at Isleworth Crown. He was also banned from football grounds for six years.

Cafe opens at the new crem

A CAFE has opened at Sandwell Valley Crematorium in West Bromwich. Former bereavement services officer Sharon Voice has launched the Courtyard Cafe, on the site of a 1960s chapel, serving hot and cold drinks, sandwiches and snacks. Sharon, from Darlaston, worked for Sandwell's bereavement services for eight years before the venture. The cafe will open from 9am to 4pm daily in summer, 9am to 3pm in the winter.

Opening the cafe, Councillor Derek Rowley said: "Bereavement is never an easy time, so hopefully the new cafe will be somewhere people can relax and make the experience a little easier."

The Dovecote pub held a Help for Heroes fundraiser, pictured from left are Clint Bullock, Neil Chalmers, Steve Green, Tony O'Brien, Mark Gainham and Peter Brant

Helping the heroes

FUNDRAISERS enjoyed a charity auction, raffle and disco at a West Bromwich pub to collect cash for Help for Heroes.

The Dovecote in Hill Top hosted the event and raised around £1,100.

Former soldier and local businessman Mark Gainham organised the event, which also included a raffle and performance by two rock bands.

Mr Gainham, aged 43, served for seven and a half years in the army.

The father-of-two, who runs SBBS Building & Scaffolding, said it had been a great event. "I'm still in touch with a lot of my former army mates and this is such a great cause," he said.

"Everyone had a brilliant time and we are really thankful to all of the patrons of The Dovecote.

"Everyone really got into the spirit of things and were very generous. There was around 120 people there in total."

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Chief's fond farewell after 36 years in force

WHEN Steve Dugmore was a young bobby on the beat, Austin Allegros had square steering wheels and the 1970s were in full swing.

In the years that followed, he saw a colleague blown off the roof of a police station, the horrific aftermath of the 1974 pub bombings in Birmingham and the riots in Handsworth and Lozells.

And, despite being assaulted on his first day on the beat, outgoing chief of Sandwell Police says he does not regret a moment.

Chief Superintendent Steve Dugmore is retiring as part of a cull of officers who have given more than 30 years' service.

West Midlands Police Authority is using regulation A19 to force 300 officers into retirement as it battles to save £120 million.

Mr Dugmore, who grew up in Coseley, joined the force as a cadet in August 1972, and won runner-up Cadet of the Year for the West Midlands in a three-year period before joining the force proper.

Bombings

It was far from a gentle introduction however, as he joined in the wake of the IRA pub bombings in Birmingham, which killed 21 people in 1974.

And Mr Dugmore, aged 54, had first-hand experience of the tragedy which descended on the city, as friends and colleagues were caught up in separate explosions.

The Tavern in the Town, since renamed the Yard of Ale on New Street, was targetted along with the Mulberry Bush.

Mr Dugmore said: "I remember it was a really sombre time. I had a friend who was in the Tavern in Town who was injured in the blast but thankfully it was not worse.

"And another colleague I remember went to open a suspicious package around the time of the bombings at Steelhouse Lane police station and he was blown 15ft over a metal fence. He was very lucky not to be injured."

Not only were spirits low around the city but Mr Dugmore was given a baptism of fire on patrol in Birmingham City Centre on his first day in the job.

He says: "I chased a man and a woman using a credit card they got from a kidnapping to a shop and, as they tried to get away out the back, I was assaulted.

"I had cuts and bruises from punches and kicks. I think it was a sign of things to come."

Mr Dugmore spent three years as a bobby on the beat until 1978 then working as a traffic motorcyclist and later in surveillance, including tracking those involved in the Handsworth and Lozells riots.

Steve Dugmore, Chief Superintendent LPU commander at Sandwell; bottom left, Steve as a police constable in 1976 when he was asked to be in a photograph with a model on New Street

In the same unit he met his wife Denise, a now-retired detective sergeant, with whom he has two children.

A move to CID for Wednesbury, Tipton and West Bromwich beckoned, where he was digging into "a number of murders".

He joined Sandwell Operational Command Unit four years ago, and was asked to lead the new Local Policing Unit in 2010.

Under his stewardship, recorded crime fell over the last year, with 2,742 fewer victims compared to 2009.

"The people I have met. including volunteers working together to make the borough better for everybody. have been remarkable," he said.

"It's a real credit the way people come together.

"I was given an award by the borough's mayor at full council recently and to be recognised by the people you are trying to serve was truly humbling.

"I've had 36 years of service but I could not have asked for a better place to end my career.

"It's been a real privilege."

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Library worker Jax Evitts at Sandwell Central Library

Craft sessions at library

SANDWELL Central Library, in West Bromwich High Street, is putting on activities every day of the Easster holidays, from April 11.

The first hour-long session runs from 2.30pm and will give the chance for children aged five and over to make Easter cards and eggs.

Angela Lydiatt, children's librarian, said: "We have activities every weekday until April 21."

For more information call 0121 569 4911.

Chance family help as works starts on revamp of park

WORK to bring vandal-plagued West Smethwick Park back to its former glory has begun.

Park gates have been installed, donated by the Chance family, costing £5,500, and brick pillars have been restored at the Victoria Road entrance.

Improvements have already been made to the main entrance as part of an ongoing programme, which includes transforming the Sons of Rest building within the park into a community centre. This will add to work already undertaken to restore the Chance Memorial.

The memorial was dedicated to the founders of the Chance Brothers glassworks.

It, along with a drinking fountain and extra play equipment, was installed last year.

Ward Councillor Paramjit Randhawa said: "This work is welcome and it's a sign of the council and community coming together to provide a good solution.

"It's a great boost for the friends group who campaigned so hard for the park to be restored. It's a big victory for them."

A total of 184 people campaigned to transform the Sons of Rest building, which has lain derelict for the past six years.

Fencing

Residents signed a petition to turn the building into a community centre, which it is hoped will be manned by volunteers.

Fencing was put up around the building in mid-February ahead of its £50,000 refit.

The eventual transformation will include a new watertight roof, new uPVC windows and external doors, a replacement heating system, damp proof surfaces to the walls and floor and repair plasterwork where needed.

Ornate security fencing will also be erected.

Council chiefs announced in October last year they would make £50,000 available from the borough'sr Grot Spot funding pot, which is used to transform run-down and derelict sites around Sandwell.

The Smethwick Sons of Rest group disbanded six years ago as elderly members were finding it increasingly difficult to attend the centre.

Since the group disbanded, vandals have taken advantage by damaging the roof of the building and smashing the windows.

Frank on list for top radio award

SANDWELL comedian Frank Skinner will take on BBC Radio 1's record-breaking DJ Chris Moyles and Scott Mills, plus musicians-turned-presenters Jarvis Cocker and Ronnie Wood for the title music personality of the year at the Sony Radio Academy Awards. Skinner, who has a show on Absolute Radio, is on the shortlist and the winner will be announced at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London on May 9.

Healthy options for primary school pupils

Pennyhill Primary School pupils Bobbi Lowe and Reshawn Brown, both aged nine, with their Fruit and Eat Tuck Shop to promote healthy eating and maths

PUPILS can enjoy a healthy snack and improve their maths skills at the same time at a new tuck shop set up at a West Bromwich school.

Pennyhill Primary School in Hollyhedge Road has launched the new Fruit and Eat Tuck Shop during morning break times, where for 10p to 25p, pupils can enjoy a piece of fruit.

Teacher Jim Kennedy, who has helped launch the tuck shop, said: "We set it up and run it to encourage healthy eating in Key Stage 2.

"It also helps the children with their maths by getting them to work out how much money they need and how they need to give change," he added.

Dried

Youngsters have enjoyed swopping chocolate, crisps and sweets for a healthy fruit diet including apples, clementines, bananas, pears and also dried fruits.

Next the tuck shop hopes to introduce more exotic fruits, such as mango.

"It lets them taste different things," said Mr Kennedy.

"It is popular because the children enjoy eating fruit, but they don't always have the chance to eat it.

"We will expand it and we will offer more as we get it."

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Warley court watch

RECENT convictions at Warley Magistrates Court included:

Robert Thomas Lucas, aged 49, of Borough Crescent, Oldbury: Bound over in the sum of £100 for six months to keep the peace for having behaved in a manner whereby a breach of the peace was likely to be occasioned.

Lee Thompson, aged 27, of Old College Drive, Hateley Heath: Fined £100 with £60 costs plus £15 victim surcharge and disqualified from driving for six months for driving a Vauxhall Corsa on Lynsey Road without insurance.

Jaswinder Singh, aged 57, of Hill Top, West Bromwich: Fined £60 with £85 costs plus £15 victim surcharge and disqualified from driving for 12 months for driving a Vauxhall Combo on Halesowen Road whilst using a hand-held mobile phone.

Carl Malcolm Fellows, aged 32, of Bassett Road, Friar Park, Wednesbury: Fined £100 with £75 costs and £15 victim surcharge for not being at his place of abode, having had with him an article for use in the course of, or in connection with theft, namely a screwdriver.

Ravinder Dhuffar, aged 37, of Jeffrey Road, Warley, Rowley Regis: Fined £100 with £100 costs and £15 victim surcharge for having failed to promptly notify the Department for Work and Pensions in the prescribed manner of a change of circumstances, namely that her husband was working, which she knew would affect her entitlement to Jobseeker's Allowance.

Jodie Ann Loveridge, aged 26, of Farm Road, Warley, Rowley Regis: Fined £100 with £100 costs and £15 victim surcharge for having failed to promptly notify the Department for Work and Pensions in the prescribed manner of a change of circumstances, namely that she was working, which she knew would affect her entitlement to income support.

THE following people were convicted for failing to give information to the police relating to the identification of the driver of a vehicle who was alleged to have been guilty of an offence.

Bal Bhachu, aged 46, of Qube, Townsend Way, Birmingham: Fined £100 with £60 costs, £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence.

Thomas Andrew Clarke, aged 20, of George Road, Oldbury: Fined £525 with £85 costs, £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence.

Zahir Hussain, aged 27, of Formans Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham: Fined £525 with £85 costs, £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence.

THE following people have been convicted for failing without reasonable excuse to comply with the requirements of a community order:

Leon John Abbey, aged 22, of Coronation Road, Tipton: Given a three-month curfew requirement and ordered to pay £50 costs.

Salvo Balog, aged 25, of Boulton House, Spon Lane, West Bromwich: Given a two-year conditional discharge and ordered to pay £85 costs.

Blues striker gets a ban after 120mph drive on M5

BIRMINGHAM City footballer Marcus Bent has been banned from driving for 56 days after speeding at 110mph on the M5 through the Black Country.

The striker was caught speeding in his Bentley near Junction 2 at Oldbury. He did not turn up to his sentencing hearing on Friday, so magistrates dealt with him in his absence.

They also ordered Bent, who was also given a 56 day disqualification in 2009 for speeding, to pay £1,210.

Marcus Bent: banned

Second

Sentencing, chairman of the bench Jane Rashid said: "This is the second time now he has driven at excessive speeds. He does not appear to have learnt his lesson."

Prosecuting, Miss Pushpa Sheemar, said two officers had been in an unmarked car fitted with a speed tracking device when Bent sped past them at about 6pm on October 10 last year.

Bent, currently on loan at Sheffield United following a brief period at Wolves, had initially denied speeding. But the 32-year-old, of Heston Road in Honslow, Essex, later sent a letter admitting the offence.

Mr Stephen Daly, defending, said: "No disrespect is meant by Mr Bent not being in court. He is a Birmingham City footballer and did not want to create a media circus."

He added: "This is a wealthy young man but only for this season. He has no football club to go to next season. He fully supports his daughter and girlfriend.

"The reality is he will not see his daughter for the period of the disqualification."

Bent was fined £675, made to pay costs of £520 and given a £15 victim surcharge.

Addict jailed for role in theft at factory

Metal raid failed when lorry shed its stolen load

A GANG was foiled after a stolen lorry loaded with a £64,000 haul of metal taken moments earlier during a raid on a Black Country factory shed part of its load.

The lorry was stopped by police after some of the stolen steel, copper and brass fell off as it was being driven away from Warley Polishing in Cradley, where the metal doors had been forced and a hole smashed in the wall.

Two men fled from the cab and ran off along James Scott Road. But one of them, Andrew Guest, was caught after being cornered by officers in a nearby street, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting, said the lorry, worth £20,000, had been taken from J&S Metal Finishers of Shaw Road Industrial Estate, Dudley.

Steel posts valued at £2,000 were also stolen and £2,000 damage caused as the gang broke in after forcing the rear door of neighbouring Scott Steel Services and taking scrap metal.

Mr Searle told how the thieves then drove the truck to Warley Polishing and used a fork lift truck found to load stolen sheet metal.

"As a result of the weight and insecure way it had been placed on the vehicle part of the load spilled into the road," said Mr Searle.

"A passing police patrol saw this and two men ran off when the lorry was stopped."

More than £600 damage was caused to the Warley Polishing factory.

The lorry rolled down a hill into an embankment after being abandoned by the thieves, who did not have time to apply the brakes before fleeing.

Heroin

Mr Gurdeep Garcha, defending, said that Guest, aged 31, of Merryfield Road, Russells Hall, Dudley, had a £30-a-day heroin habit.

"He was offered a large amount of money to act as look-out and the temptation was too great, so he foolishly took part," said Mr Garcha.

Guest, who had previous convictions for shoplifting and dishonesty, admitted burglary and was jailed for two years and six months.

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Obesity sparks concern over new takeaways

SCORES of applications for new fast food restaurants in Sandwell have been made in the last year – despite the borough facing an obesity crisis.

A total of 23 new premises applications were made last year, on top of more than 600 such businesses already operating in the borough.

Sandwell has one of the worst obesity problems in the region and more than £250,000 has been spent on referring 5,000 residents for obesity treatment in recent years.

The council is now collecting results of a survey of residents' eating habits which will be used to inform new planning policy to control new takeaways.

Sandwell's cabinet member for jobs and economy Councillor Ian Jones said: "The information will help inform some new planning policy being written to control the opening of new takeaways in areas where there is already a high concentration of such outlets and in sensitive areas by schools.

"Such a policy, it is felt, is needed to try and address issues of obesity and poor diet in the borough.

Healthier

"The policy will not affect existing hot food outlets as this is outside the scope of planning control under existing legislation."

Paul Southon, public health development manager at Sandwell Primary Care Trust said that the trust did not monitor the number of new applications for takeaways. He added: "Recognising that most takeaways are local small businesses and the importance of local businesses at the moment we are also working with a number of them to look at how they can make the food they sell healthier."

Bid to get rid of queues at tip

WORK is set to start in the summer on a scheme to stop cars queueing outside the Sandwell borough's main tip.

Shidas Lane in Oldbury has become a traffic hotspot with cars queuing at busy times to get into the waste dumping facility.

Now Serco, which runs the borough's £650 million waste contract, is set to overhaul the sites as part of a £20 million scheme to improve waste services across Sandwell.

The work at Shidas Lane is being done in a bid to cut traffic waiting times and congestion at the household waste and recycling centre.

It will include a better traffic flow system to reduce queuing time both in and outside the site at peak times. There will be more unloading bays and more recycling and rubbish containers for people to use.

Sandwell Council has granted planning permission for the scheme.

Quickly

Serco spokesman Adam Fergie said: "These changes will mean residents can dispose their recycling quickly and easily.

"We know the site is very popular and we will also be extending opening hours so residents have greater flexibility in when they want to use the service."

Serco took over the 25-year bin contract in Sandwell last November. Serco's £20m plans for the borough include a new £15m waste treatment plant in Hill Top. Construction of the Eagle Recovery ransfer Hub in Tipton will create 95 jobs and 20 contracts for local firms, while 10 people will run the plant when it opens.

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Sarah Field, David Williams and Louise Griffin with, front, Matthew Beard prepare to present the popular American musical Guys and Dolls at Brierley Hill Civic Hall next week

Guys meet dolls on stage

THE razzmatazz of late 1940 New York and Havana will be brought to life when a Black Country amateur theatre society puts on the classic musical Guys and Dolls.

Cradley Heath's Tab Operatic Society, based at Dudley Wood Methodist Church, will stage the show set in gambling dens and nightclubs at Brierley Hill Civic Hall.

Audree Henwood is producing the show which features popular songs including I've Never Been In Love Before, Luck Be A Lady and Sit Down You're Rockin' The Boat.

The society has been staging shows for 48 years.

Performances run from Tuesday, April 12, to Saturday, April 16, at 7.15pm with a matinee at 2pm on the Saturday.

For more details about the society visit www.taboperatic.com or call 0121 550 7254 or 01384 393196. Tickets are also available from Diane Bate on 07722 417962 or from the civic hall from April 12.

Metal plant leaving site to make way for 180 new homes

BOSSES of a Smethwick metal recycling plant are set to move to a smaller site across the borough, with their base – the former home of engineering giant GKN – to be transformed into a housing estate of almost 200 homes.

Moving Atlas Metals to a new home will safeguard jobs, says owner Jon Cartmill.

The firm which turns over more than £2 million a year, is currently in Cranford Street, Smethwick, but the search is now on to find a new two-and-a-quarter acre site in Oldbury or West Bromwich.

Plans for up to 186 new homes on the site are due to be submitted within weeks as demand for housing in the town grows, particulary due to plans for the £370 million 'super hospital' in Grove Lane.

Mr Cartmill said: "I'm looking for a new site this side of Wolverhampton, with a view to staying the Oldbury or West Bromwich side of the borough.

"We're not downsizing the operation but we would like to run more efficiently and would be quite happy with a two-and-a-quarter acre site."

Mountains of scrap metal at the current nine acre site site would gradually dwindle as the move would need the firm, which employs 11 workers, to operate two sites simultaneously for a period.

Customers

Mr Cartmill added: "We'd have to run down this site slowly and we'd be in situ at the new site and the old site for a time to keep continuity for our customers.

"To uplift our current operation will cost us somewhere in the region of £750,000 without taking into account any freehold.

"That will cover any new facilities, dismantling equipment and concreting at any new premises for the business, as well as a weighbridge or office facilities for example if the new place does not have them."

Mr Cartmill also said: "We would like to increase our recycling and would like to add a plant, which may mean we add four extra workers for that."

Care home plan at former restaurant

THE derelict site of a former Oldbury restaurant will be transformed into a care home after being given the go-ahead by planning chiefs.

A 50 to 55-bed bed nursing home for the elderly will now be created at Newbury Lane.

The plans for the former Valentino Restaurant were submitted by Superior Care Ltd, which already owns the Newbury Manor Nursing Home opposite.

Tividale councillor David Hinton said the scheme was welcome provided developers could solve potential parking problems on Newbury Lane.

Cllr Hinton said: "The main thing to sort out is the parking problems. If you've got 50-plus beds on that site you've got the potential for around 100 visitors on a very busy main road.

"And how many staff are they going to have, with their cars as well?

"People have got to start thinking these things through when they grant permissions for these schemes. I've got no problem with a nursing home going in there though."

Brandhall pupils Leilani German, Rajveer Sidhu, Ladajah Wilson and Mia Maskell, all aged seven

Free trees for school

SCORES of trees have been planted in the garden of an Oldbury school.

Youngsters at Brandhall Primary School in Edinburgh Road, helped plant trees donated by environmental charity Groundwork West Midlands.

The 20 trees, which include apple and birch, were won by Irene Shaw, head of the design team at the charity, after she attended the Housing Conference at Birmingham's ICC last year. She said: "I put my business card in several interesting company stands, and was contacted by Barcham's Trees to say that I had won 20 trees. We contacted Brandhall Primary School in Oldbury who we have done a couple of schemes, to see if there were any spaces where they would like to have some trees."

Headteacher Mrs Elaine Fitzgerald said it had been a lovely experience."

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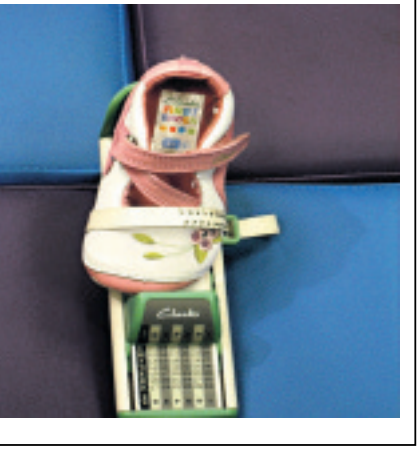

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Quality award at academy

SANDWELL Academy in West Bromwich has been awarded for improvements in literacy and numeracy.

The school has become one of a privileged few to receive the Basic Skills Quality Mark for Secondary Schools.

In order to get the award, teachers had to fulfil 10 elements covering a range of criteria.

Target

This included target setting for the improvement of basic skills, access to training for teachers and the involvement of parents in developing children's basic skills.

Headteacher Simon Topper said: "The award reflects the hard work and dedication of the staff and students to ensure that the academy is providing support both in school and at home to equip all students with the basic numeracy and literacy skills needed in today's world.

"Everyone is delighted that the academy has been successful."

Plaque is for hero

A PLAQUE detailing a crash that killed an RAF hero from West Bromwich will be unveiled on May 4.

Albert Hall was one of seven killed when a Lancaster was shot down in the Netherlands during the Second World War.

A Dutch foundation will include details about Mr Hall in the information panel.

Family recipes are sought by historians

RECIPES passed down through Black Country families are being sought by a local history group.

The Tipton Town Libraries Local History Group wants traditional recipes to feature at a special event in September on Black Country food.

Librarian Robert Hazel with members of the Tipton Library History society

And people are invited to share their favourites dishes at a coffee morning at the library in Unity Walk on April 21 at 10.30am. During the morning the Media Archive for Central England will be showing a selection of film clips on the theme of Black Country food. People are urged to take along their own recipes and photographs to add to the archive.

All recipes, photos and other food memorabilia will be shared at a special history day about the region's food – including food producers such as Palethorpes – on September 24.

Bostin'

Community library manager Robert Hazel said: "At our local history day in September there will be a chance to come in and find out more and perhaps even sample some 'bostin' fittle'. In the meantime, we'd love people to come to the coffee morning or just pop into the library with their family recipes."

Sandwell Council's youth, culture and leisure chief, Councillor Ann Shackleton, said: "Most people have a favourite recipe passed down from parents and grandparents and I'd urge people to share them with the history group."

The group has been running for several years, collecting local material and memories, hosting events and promoting the heritage of Tipton to schoolchildren.

Admission to the coffee morning on April 21 is free by advance ticket. Call the library on (0121) 557 1796.

Postcode lottery fear over prostate cancer

MEN with prostate cancer in Sandwell are twice as likely to die from the disease as those in a plush London suburb, a charity claims.

Figures show that sufferers living in Sandwell are twice as likely to die from the disease as those who live in Kensington and Chelsea, leading to claims of a "postcode lottery" from the Prostate Cancer Charity.

The organisation has compiled figures which show the borough has more than 30 deaths from prostate cancer per 100,000 people.

This figure is more than 25 per cent higher than the national average.

The charity's chief executive Owen Sharp said: "It is clearly unacceptable that men diagnosed with prostate cancer in different parts of England could live or die based on their address.

"What we really need to see now is a clear and credible answer to why, despite improvements in prostate cancer services, this remains the case."

Figures compiled by the charity show more than 20 out of the 151 primary care trusts in England have a prostate cancer death rate that is 10 per cent above the national average. The data is a three-year average taken between 2007-2009.

Previous research suggests the reason for the postcode lottery which gives some patients a better chance of survival than others may be down to diagnosis, with those living in poorer areas being less likely to go to their doctor early with signs of cancer.

However, a recent Government report also suggested some patients had to go to their GP more than twice complaining of symptoms before they were referred to the hospital for tests.

Campaign

The Prostate Cancer Charity was launching a campaign last week to encourage men at increased risk to have a prostate test.

Every year in the UK 37,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer and one man dies of the disease every hour.

Common symptoms include having to rush to the toilet, difficulty passing urine and needing to go more frequently.

Extra early start on marathon day

AN extra train service will be put on from the Black Country to take people to the London Marathon.

Virgin Trains announced it would be running an additional early bird service on race day to take hundreds of people from the region to the capital to support the event. The extra train will leave Wolverhampton at 6am on April 17 to arrive at London Euston at 8.17am.

It will also stop at Birmingham New Street and Birmingham International.

Front, Jake Hollier, 18, and Christina Campbell, 20, with, left to right, co-ordinators John Williams, Keith Fairfax, and station commander Lawrence Bowbanks, at the Fire Service Academy, Smethwick

Firefighters help job seekers

YOUNG people are being helped onto the first rung of the career ladder by West Midlands Fire Service.

As part of the Future Jobs Fund scheme, 20 young people aged between 18 and 24 have started on a six month temporary contract with the fire service.

Coordinator at West Midlands Fire Service Keith Fairfax said: "A lot of young people are finding they can't find work because they don't have work experience. This gives them the experience they need."

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From red heat of industry to Swedish cool

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A steam lorry used for making deliveries pictured in the 1920s

MANY of the shoppers making their way around giant Swedish home furnishings store Ikea in Wednesbury probably have little idea the site used to be home to a steelworks that employed thousands of people.

FH Lloyd & Co Ltd produced a wide range of castings including ship propellers, turbine casing and sections for bridges and cranes.

The massive site on which the main factory was set takes in the current Ikea site and the nearby Gallagher Retail Park, and stretched as far as Mecca Bingo.

The giant steelworks is currently the subject of an exhibition by Wednesbury Local History Society at the town's museum and art gallery, on Holyhead Road.

The exhibition includes a range of old photographs showing both staff who worked for the firm and the castings that they produced.

FH Lloyd & Co Ltd was established by Francis Henry Lloyd, near James Bridge in 1878.

The pictures trace the growth of the firm and the amazing feats its workers managed near the turn of the 20th century.

A 20-ton steel gearbox is the subject of one image, showing the scale of the moulds the staff would fill with molten metal to produce the iconic firm's wares.

And as the firm expanded throughout the 20th century, so too did the size of its products, as can be seen in another image of a heavy excavator.

Every component, from the body of the excavator to its caterpillar tracks, was fashioned by FH Lloyd & Co Ltd staff.

The degree of skill and precision needed to shape hunks of steel can be clearly seen as one worker grinds the outside of a spoked locomotive wheel, being showered with sparks. Workers needed both to take the weight of the wheel and manoeuvre machinery simultaneously.

The exhibition also includes images of the steelworks as they were at the turn of the century, with the curved roof of the foundry atop the open yard, which contained the red-hot furnaces in the foreground of the image.

As the years wore on, the company's Wednesbury base grew as 1920s plans of the site show. A row of sheds were added to the existing steelworks on the right-hand side of this photograph of plans.

The firm's iconic delivery wagons are the subject of another image, which shows staff at the turn of the 1920s sat beside a solid-tyred steam lorry. The firm's logo ran alongside the wagons.

Peter Knowles, of Wednesbury Local History Society, said: "This was a great and historic Wednesbury firm and we are immensely proud of what we have found."

FH Lloyd steelworks provided employment to the local area for some 100 years. However, recessions plagued its final few years and it finally went out of business in 1982. Triplex then took the site over, but their ownership was short lived and it was then sold to Ikea in 1988, being demolished almost immediately.

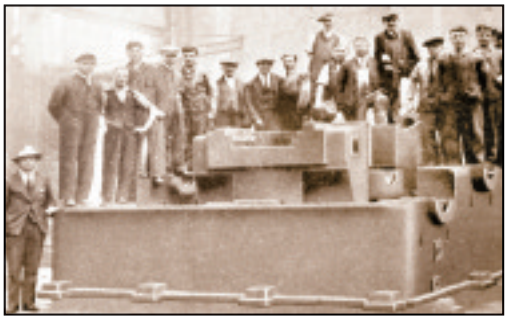
Reunion

Stuart Lane, of Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery, added: "If anyone sees a photograph they recognise we would ask them to note it down in the visitors book so that we can add it to the information we already have.

"We have run similar exhibitions in the past in conjunction with the Patent Shaft Works and hope this will be just as successful."

The exhibition runs until April 30 and will culminate with a reunion of former employees of the firm on the final day, between 1 and 4pm.

A painting of men at work on view in Wednesbury art gallery



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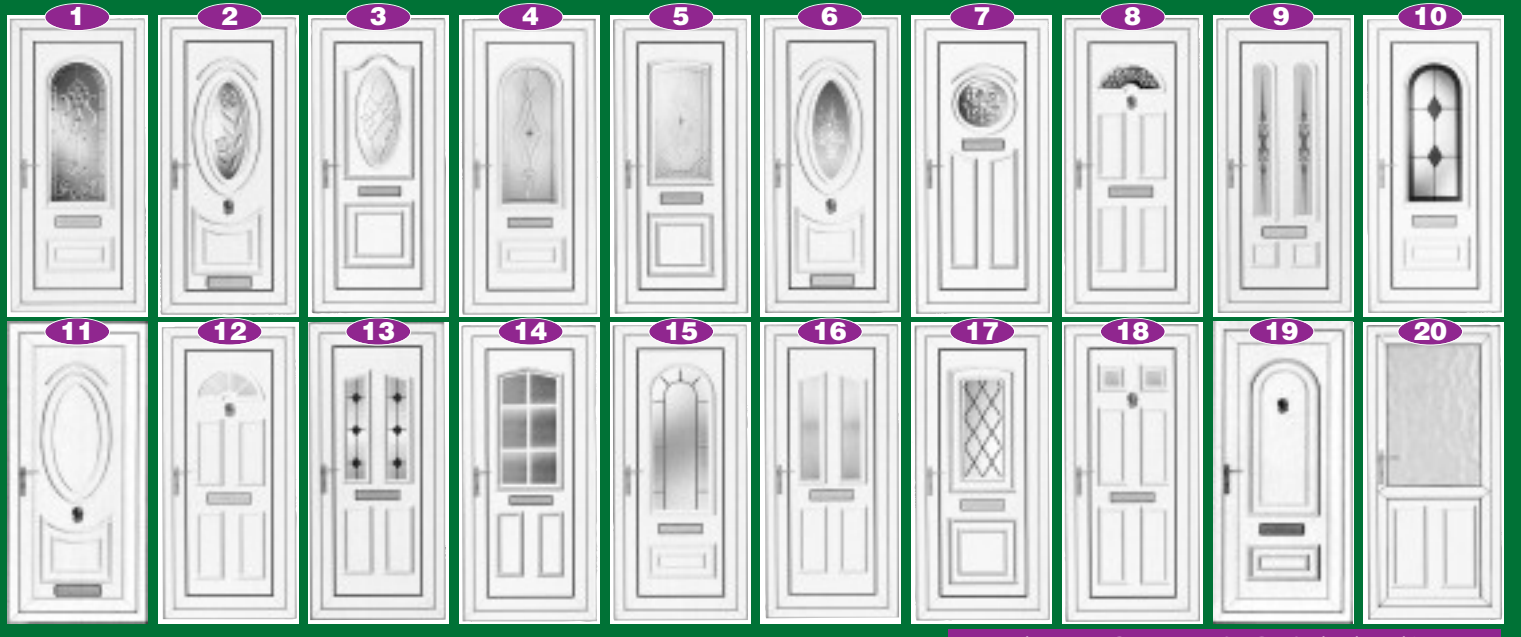

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We particularly welcome applications from women, ethnic minorities and people with disabilities as they are currently under-represented within Sandwell Homes.

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Silent movie star's mysterious longing for the Black Country

THE emergence of an old newspaper cutting has fuelled suggestions Charlie Chaplin may have originated from Smethwick.

Until recently, it was widely believed the silver screen legend was born in London.

But doubts were raised after a letter written to the comic claimed he was born the son of gipsy on the "Black Patch" in Smethwick.

Now, an old newspaper article about Chaplin found in a cellar has deepened the mystery further.

The story in the Birmingham Gazette, dated February 20, 1931, quotes Chaplin as saying: "For a long time, too, I have wanted to go into industrial England. I want to see the North, the Black Country and Brummagem."

The article was brought to the attention of The Chronicle's sister newspaper the Express & Star by Cradley resident and West Bromwich Albion fan Paul Debney, who came across it while looking for old Baggies match reports. He bought a collection of more than 1,000 newspapers, which he keeps in his cellar, from a former worker at a Birmingham library for £30.

The library used to archive the newspapers but got rid of them after they were transferred to microfiche in the 1970s.

"I was going through the papers and I came across this on the front page," said Mr Debney, a health and safety manager.

"It got my attention because when my wife was at school people used to joke she was related to Charlie Chaplin. Then I heard about the letter and it got me thinking: why would he want to come to the Black Country?"

The uncovered letter about Black Patch was found in the locked drawer of a bureau which was inherited by Chaplin's daughter, Victoria, after Charlie's widow, Oona, died in 1991.

Jack Hill wrote from Tamworth in the 1970s to inform Chaplin he was born on the Black Patch in Smethwick.

It also said he entered the world in a caravan that belonged to the "Gypsy Queen".

Father-of-four Mr Debney, aged 40, of Two Gates, said: "I don't know what I think.

"The letter in his drawer sounds like it was written by someone who had nothing to gain.

"You have to ask why someone from Hollywood – born in London – would want to visit the Black Country.

"If he knew he was born there, maybe that was why he wanted to see it."

Paul Debney has discovered evidence of a Chaplin connection to the Black Country

The silent screen's biggest star Charlie Chaplin – was he born in a gypsy caravan in Smethwick?

The Black Patch was a thriving Romany community based on the industrial edge of Birmingham in the 1880s.

Chaplin's birth certificate has never been located but it was thought he was born in London in 1889.

His mother Hannah, whose maiden name is Hill, was descended from a travelling family.

Chaplin is one of the greatest figures of the 20th century, famous for his character, the Little Tramp, and later lampooning Hitler in The Great Dictator. The survivor of a tough workhouse childhood, he became one of the best-known film stars in the silent movie era.

Chaplin's oldest surviving son Michael has said that the idea of Chaplin being a gipsy born in Smethwick does not bother him. He said the letter must have been significant for Chaplin to have kept it.

There are plans to turn the Chaplin family home in Montreux, Switzerland, into a museum.

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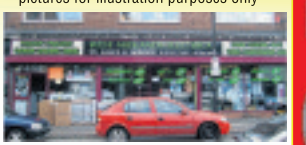

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Mother campaigns for electrical checks after daughter's death

Thirza Whittall

THE heartbroken mother of a Rowley Regis woman killed by a power fault wants the Government to order landlords to undertake regular electrical checks.

Jane Andain's call came following the death of her daughter Thirza Whittall, who died when an electrical fault made her bath taps live just six days after she moved into her Cornish dream home in March 2008

Mrs Whittall, aged 33, had moved from Rowley Regis with her husband Fred and their two young children to a new home in Portscatho, near St Mawes.

She died because a faulty heater and a lack of an earth bonding under the enamel bath combined to turn the metal taps into a live electrical conductor.

The electrical wiring in her rented property had not been tested since 1981. Tests later found the taps were carrying a 175-volt charge.

The coroner at her inquest said if proper checks had been made her death could have been prevented. Now her mother is calling for the introduction of legal requirements on landlords to ensure electrical safety in rented homes.

She is highlighting that while landlords are legally obliged to provide an annual gas safety certificate, there is no equivalent legal obligation for electrical installations.

Mrs Andain said: "It has been three years since she died and two years since the inquest when we learned about the electrical faults. As the coroner said at the time, it is beyond belief that there is nothing in law to make sure these checks are made.

Awareness

"Thirza was a very passionate woman and very committed to campaigning for what she believed in and I think she would want me to raise awareness of this issue and try and make sure this doesn't happen to anyone else."

Mrs Whittall had worked at Birmingham Children's Hospital as an optometrist.

Her mother is now working with the Electrical Safety Council to promote a tenants' checklist which reveals the danger signs to look out for in rented homes.

Visit www.esc.org.uk for details.

Blessing for school's new extension

A £270,000 extension to a Wednesbury school has been officially opened by the Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham at a candle-lit procession.

Pupils welcomed Archbishop Bernard Longley to bless and officially open the new building at St Mary's Catholic Primary School last weel.

The extension to the school on Manor House Road took 10 months to complete and consists of an open-plan teaching space for nursery and reception pupils and a purpose-built outdoor play area.

Acting deputy head Maura Logan said: "We are delighted with the new extension, it is a very comfortable learning environment for the children."

Ceremony

At the official opening ceremony it was the Year 6 pupils who led the a rchbishop in a candle-lit procession to the school hall where a service took place.

The children were joined by school staff, governors, and parishioners at the service.

Afterwards the children lined the corridors as the archbishop made his way to the new school building and blessed the building.

Following the ceremony the school held a special celebratory lunch with members of the diocese, the governors, staff and pupils.

Headteacher Kathryn Hill said: "It is a wonderful moment in the history of St. Mary's and one that our children will remember."

Front, the Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham the Most Rev Bernard Longley with head girl Ellie Harbinson and head boy Lewis Parsons. Back, Father Monsignor Bruce Harbert, headteacher Kathryn Hill and acting deputy Maura Logan

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No to ball games after cars damaged

POLICE say ball games must not be played in a Tipton street, following complaints about cars being dented.

Letters from West Midlands Police have been posted to homes in Holcroft Street after residents said several cars had been damaged.

The Oldbury and Tividale neighbourhood team asked parents to advise their children not to play in the street. However, say it was an over-reaction and said children have played in the street for years.

"I think a lot of people have forgotten what it's like to be a kid," said Holcroft Street resident Ruth Kaur, aged 30, whose six-year-old son played out before the letters arrived. "I do feel sorry for the children. They have hit my car with the ball in the past and they apologised and it was fine.

"The nearest park is at the back of Tividale Primary School but it's a long way and it would be unsafe to let them go there on their own."

Another mother in the same street is Shaheem Begum, 42. She said two of her children, aged nine and 11, played out. "I am miffed because now they have nowhere to go," she said.

Anti-social

But not everyone is upset about the letter. Father-of-four Habeeb Khan, aged 32, a customer adviser who lives in nearby Church Street, said: "Some cars have been dented because of the children playing football.

"I think it's fair. If a parent wants their child to play outside they should go to the park."

The letter states: "As you are aware the warm weather is approaching us and along with it brings anti-social behaviour problems. We appreciate that whilst there may not be many facilities in the area for youths to play football and other ball games, please could you advise your children playing ball games in the street and at the top of Holcroft Street is not advised."

It goes on to say that police received various complaints about ball games last year from residents, who as well as being concerned about damage to parked cars were worried about the children's safety.

Deb Edmonds, of West Midlands Police, said the letter was a "gentle reminder" to parents. "We don't want to spoil anyone's fun," she added.

Albion player Steven Reid with Ben Stancer, aged 23, from Wednesbury, and back, from left, Josh Slaney, Joe Bull, Samee Ahmed, Joe Rushton and Richard Armstrong

Albion defender praises skills of wheelchair players

WEST Bromwich Albion defender Steven Reid tried football with a difference when he visited the Baggies' young wheelchair players.

The former Ireland international dropped in to meet youngsters at one of the Albion Foundation's powerchair football training sessions at the club's sports hall in Halfords Lane.

And Reid could not resist joining in, but his first taste of the wheelchair game did not go to plan when he failed to make contact with the ball.

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Live reviews

A trio of pop princesses

Katy Perry, LG Arena, Birmingham

TWO people out of a 15,000 crowd can say I Kissed a Girl after getting up close and personal with Katy Perry. The Californian beauty also made the Teenage Dreams of half a dozen others come true when she invited them on stage.

In front of the biggest crowd she had ever performed to in England, Katy exclaimed: "I don't care if it's a Monday, we're going to party like it's a Friday." And party she did.

Coming out to Teenage Dream in a pink puffball skirt, Ms Perry went through a number of costume changes, including into a peacock suit, a catsuit and cupcake dress.

Most impressive was during Hot n Cold, where she changed into five different outfits, on stage, during the one song.

Hits old and new received rapturous welcomes while current single ET was out of this world. Firework was spectacular in both its execution and its backdrop.

She was not short on offers for a pound from the crowd – which she discreetly stored – to sing four songs from the Jukebox, where Rihanna's Only Girl, Lady Ga Ga's Born This Way and Willow Smith's Whip My Hair were among the beautifully done covers that earned one lucky fan a kiss.

An invitation for boys to take their T-Shirt off even led to a bra being thrown on stage, which she utilised to good effect for I Kissed a Girl. A version of Whitney Houston's I Wanna Dance With Somebody ended with her sharing the stage with a number of young fans.

Her choice of football team – West Ham – led to boos among the Birmingham contingent, but she promised to be back, before ending the two-hour set with a rousing California Gurls.

Mark Shipp

Eliza Doolittle, Wulfrun Hall.

SPRING has returned and with it Eliza Doolittle in her hotpants singing her breezy bright picnic pop.

Her casual cool Camden sound with its London accented vocals and hint of retro soul made her self-titled debut album one of the pop highlights of last year and it sounded excellent live with the 22-year-old singer in fine, lightly soulful voice as she undulated along the stage.

Framed by two huge pairs of legs in rollerblades, Eliza with her waist-long curly dark hair let her band establish the rhythm before she sidled onto the stage singing Money Box. Then she handed her guitarist a ukulele to strike up the skiffle-like Skinny Genes with its catchy whistled hook.

The only new song was actually not so new, having been written when she was 17, and was quite a departure being an angst-ridden ballad about betrayal. That and a few barbed lyrics on her album suggest that she's not just about carefree sunshine pop, despite her fragment cover of Bill Withers Lovely Day within Back To Front.

She also covered Bruno Mars' Grenade, in a moody jazz style, before giving the sell-out audience exactly what they wanted, her mambo pop hit Pack Up.

She will be back in the Midlands for the big Alton Towers Live bash with The Saturdays, McFly and JLS on June 19.

Leon Burakowski

Jessie J, O2 Academy

THE atmosphere at the O2 Academy was electric as Jessie J took to the stage as part of her sell-out tour.

Performing tracks from her debut album, Who You Are, her flawless vocals were met with a sea of screaming fans, proving that after only releasing her album in February she already has a huge fanbase.

She performed songs such as Mamma Knows Best and Stand Up, and gave a particularly amazing performance of her first single Do It Like A Dude.

The 23-year-old took every opportunity she could to talk to the crowds, and it was clear that after trying to break into the music industry since she was 16, her fans mean everything to her.

A technical difficulty in her encore meant she could not hear the music in her earpiece so she asked the crowds to sing along with Who You Are to keep her in time. She was met with hundreds of voices, and it was clear how overwhelmed she was when she gave a teary thank you to her fans for getting her through the song.

She ended the show with her number one single Price Tag.

Alex Wainwright

Musical with an eerie mood

Jekyll and Hyde, Hippodrome

BEST known for being the lead singer in the pop group Wet, Wet, Wet, Marti Pellow puts in a strong performance in this musical adaption of the Gothic tale of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde at the Hippodrome Theatre.

This excellent production of first class singing and acting is certainly well worth a visit.

The impressive sets, costumes and eerie lighting creates the perfect atmosphere for Victorian England where this tale about good and evil takes place.

A worthy performance is given by Pellow, who excels in portraying the dual personality of the dapper Dr Jekyll and the evil Mr Hyde.

Powerful

His powerful vocals are outstanding in this role, especially his rendition of This Is The Moment, which received loud cheers from the audience.

Sarah Earnshaw as Emma, is a sweet fiance to Jekyll and Sabrina Carter as Lucy gives an earthy performance as Hyde's prostitute lover. Both have beautiful individual singing voices and perform a moving In His Eye's duet.

Complementing the three main characters is an exceptionally talented cast who received a well deserved standing ovation.

The show continues at Birmingham until Saturday night. **Les Jowett**

Westlife still know how to charm

Westlife, LG Arena

AFTER 12 years Westlife proved they are still flying high as thousands of devoted fans went wild for the Irish heartthrobs.

Performing at the LG Arena on the last date of their UK tour, the more mature looking band sang a medley of old and new tracks.

As they lowered from the ceiling for their opening number, No One's Gonna Sleep Tonight, the rest of the show was a far cry from their early day, sitting on stool, ballads.

Bounding across the stage they have clearly reinvented themselves for the better as the 8,000 strong crowd joined in for covers of Rhianna's Only Girl and Black Eyed Peas' Dirty Bit.

Mark said: "It's good to be back, here's to the future with us and you guys."

Their natural charisma and banter continued as they were lifted above the crowd to sing You Raise Me Up before wishing all the Mums a Happy Mother's Day.

The charming quartet never failed to please the crowd and returned for an encore.

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GAMES

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Fast and furious fun as the superhero tag teams battle

Marvel vs Capcom 3: Fate of Two Worlds (12, Capcom)

DELIRIOUS, neon-coloured beat 'em up heaven. Marvel comic book and Capcom video game characters clash in three-a-side tag team battles which will have your fingers in a frenetic blur on the buttons and joystick to create and counter mind-blowing fighting moves. Fast, furious and fun that's up with the best of Street Fighter.

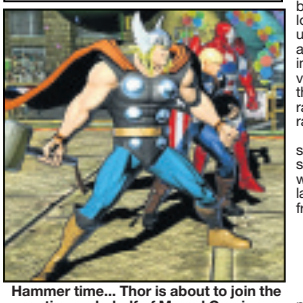
Topspin4 (3, 2k Sports)

Warm up for Wimbledon with this excellent championship tennis sim from 2K's Czech developers.

The tutorials help novices quickly pick up the intuitive controls, showing you how to perfect a powerful serve and return a ball with interest. Button combinations and good timing allow you to add spin. The graphics are good, if not stunning, with a roster of 25 past and recent champions (and Andy Murray). An immersive career mode awaits dedicated players and there is an online world tour mode for those who want to take on other gamers.

Easy to pick up but harder to master, Topspin4 is a satisfying virtual court experience, less flashy but more rewarding than many of its tennis sim rivals.

XBOX 360 REVIEWS



Hammer time... Thor is about to join the action on behalf of Marvel Comics

MotoGP 10/11 (3, Capcom)

For all the extensive details of the superbikes, riders, tracks and teams, plus downloadable content as the 2011 MotoGP unfolds, this still feels like an arcade racer... and that's not a bad thing. You get screeching, knee to the track, high speed action in a variety of racing modes, including time trial or the extensive career option for the serious racer, and the opportunity to join up to 20 racing online.

Somehow bike racers can't achieve as strong an illusion as the best four wheel race sims; maybe you need one of those motorway service station arcade bikes, but the latest redesigned instalment in the Moto GP franchise is about as good as it gets so far.

Xbox Live Arcade titles:

Swarm (12, Hothead)

Herd your 100 little blue critters through a platform world and try to keep as many alive as possible to progress. This will not be easy in a hostile, collapsing environment but reach certain key points and you will refresh and repopulate your alien swarm in their hunt for DNA. Swarm is as maddening as it is addictive. Now it's available for PlayStationNetwork too.

Ghostbusters: Sanctum of Slime (Atari)

Another dull addition to the Ghostbusters franchise.

This starts off as an animated comic book telling about an ancient demon called Dumazu who has decided on world destruction. Players have a top-down plan-style perspective with the 'busters going from room to room using their beams to blast hordes of spooks.

Fun for about 20 minutes, this game gets very repetitive very quickly. You will be happy to let Dumazu win.

It's also available on PSN and for PC download. **Leon Burakowski**

Knight time is right time for Sims

Design your own monarch in The Sims Medieval

The Sims Medieval (12, EA)

The top PC game gets a medieval makeover, so as well as dating, marrying, raising kids and all that life stuff, now you can create your own damsels in distress and knights to remember.

This isn't another expansion pack but rather a stand alone title, using the Sims 3 engine, so it will feel familiar to all those control freak Sim addicts out there, whilst also bringing in quest elements somewhat akin to the Fable titles and popular online medieval adventure Runescape.

After a voiceover by Shakespearean former Starship commander Sir Patrick Stewart (who else?) you start at the top as the monarch and choose an ambition for your kingdom, whilst tweaking your attire and abode to your own exacting standards. You can choose your own personality traits, such as 'adventurous' or the more weird 'whale ate my parents', the latter involving lots of angry shouting at the sea. Then you go on to accomplish your quests as a variety of Sims in this enchanting fairy tale land, including knight, bard, wizard and blacksmith – but watch your behaviour or you may end up in the stocks.

It's an excellent new twist on the Sims experience which should be near the top of the PC games chart for some considerable time to come. **LB**

ENTERTAINMENT

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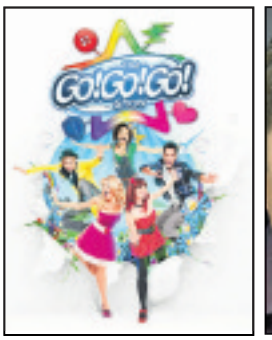
Mike takes stock with the state of pop scene

LAST summer, Mike Stock, one third of Stock, Aitken and Waterman, hit the headlines after his comments about modern pop music.

The 59-year-old believes pop is not suitable for children anymore, and the music industry has been over-sexualised.

Last year he penned songs for a new musical for kids, The Go! Go! Go! Show, in London, which has now been snapped up by Alton Towers to spend the entire season in its Cloud Cuckoo Land Theatre.



Mike Stock, right hopes The Go! Go! Go! Show will have the right appeal with today's young pop listeners

Hit music writer Mike Stock is worried about the effect modern pop music has on the young. He tells **JON PRITCHARD** about his concerns and his hopes for his new musical at Alton Towers

Characters

He said: "I'm not trying to make a stand on what's going on, but pop music is being taken away from young kids.

"They don't get to listen to proper pop music anymore, because parents don't feel safe to leave their kids with music these days."

His new show features music written by him and Steve Crosby, the man behind Steps.

The family show includes catchy pop songs, easy-to-learn dance moves and audience participation to give the audience an all-round family experience. Similar shows have been done before, Disney's High School Musical has been a worldwide hit, and Stock doesn't mind being compared to them.

He said: "High School Musical started off being child-oriented, but then all the characters started growing up and it's more of a teen thing now.

"I don't mind being compared to High School Musical, as long as it's the first one before they all grew up!"

Stock, Aitken and Waterman were the 80s hit factory who wrote and produced songs for artists such as Kylie Minogue, Jason Donovan, Bananarama and Rick Astley.

Stock is one of the most successful songwriters and producers Britain has ever seen. He holds eight Ivor Novello awards for song writing, has 16 number ones with 11 different artists, and has worked with some of the best musicians the world has seen.

He said: "I've worked with Sir Paul McCartney and Sir Cliff Richard, who are the godfathers of pop, and Kylie Minogue was a very quick learner and great to work with.

"But I did some work with Mel and Kim which was groundbreaking, and I really enjoyed doing that."

Since starting his music career in the early 80s, Stock has seen the industry transform into something he no longer feels happy with.

He said: "You couldn't have a number one back then unless you sold half a million physical copies, now you can get one by selling 30,000 downloads.

"With the digital age, people don't go into shops and appreciate the artwork on the cover of a CD. They can download it for 79p or watch it on YouTube, so the industry has shrunk massively since the 80s.

"The industry has lost part of experience where people invest time looking through racks and racks of CD's, and it should try and get it back."

However, Stock insists it is not old-fashioned to take up this stance on music.

He said: "It's not about being old-fashioned; it's about saying I love this record, so I'm going to invest my time and money into getting it, and I want to part of it."

The technological advances the music studio has experienced also frustrates Stock.

He said: "You don't need talent to make it anymore. You can use various gizmos and boxes to make it sound right, and nowadays you can't put a song out unless it sounds like that.

"People used to be proud of their stereos, now music is listened to on cheap little earphones."

Stock's Go! Go! Go! Show started on Saturday when the theme park opened its gates for the 2011 season.

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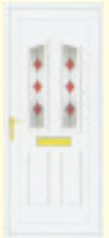
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The biggest gig yet for urban pop trio

URBAN pop star trio N-Dubz bring their Love Live Life Tour to the LG Arena, Birmingham, at the end of this month.

Dappy, Fazer and Tulisa, above, will be in concert at the LG, with special guest fellow Mobo winner Professor Green, on Friday, April 29, the day before their triumphant homecoming at London's O2 Arena.

The four times Mobo winners will be playing to their biggest audiences yet as the first UK urban pop outfit to play an arena tour, during their 10 April dates which also take in Nottingham, Manchester, Newcastle and Glasgow.

The Camden Town trio sold more than a million copies of their debut album Uncle B and 2009 follow-up Against All Odds while third album Love Live Life sees them aiming for popularity State-side.

Come swim with the Guillemots

By Jon Pritchard

GUILLEMOTS return to Birmingham for a secret gig on Sunday, ahead of the release of their third album Walk the River.

The venue will not be revealed until the day, but lead-singer and former local-boy Fyfe Dangerfield can be found performing solo at IKON Gallery the day before.

Back with the Guillemots, Dangerfield admits he is really excited to be playing with his band again.

He said: "The secret gig is an idea we've always liked, ever since The Libertines started doing it. It's an exciting way for us to come back."

Walk the River promises to be more melodic, fragile and innovative than their last two albums, as Dangerfield's solo career gave the band more time to write songs.

Dangerfield said: "We always try and make an original record and create our own world in the music.

"Then we invite people to come and swim around in it." The transformation from band member to solo artist was an easy one for the talented Dangerfield, his cover of Billy Joel's Always a Woman reached number seven in the charts thanks to help from a John Lewis advert aired over Christmas.

Dangerfield said: "It was a bizarre thing; it just happened. The success of the song wasn't down to me, it's a great song. It is weird being known for it, but it won't be my legacy."

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Guillemots gained a reputation for using alternative instruments following their debut album Through the Windowpane, but he insists their improvisation is nothing special.

He said: "When I moved to Cheltenham when I was around 19, I found this scene of improvised music. It was a real eye opener; people were using normal instruments in different ways.

"Now I know that nothing and everything is an instrument. They're all just strings and wood in the end."

Growing up in Birmingham also influenced Dangerfield's outlook on music. His parents gave him licence to create whenever he could, and the music scene gave him a way to express it.

He said: "There was a band from Birmingham called The Starries who very nearly made it. They played some of the best gigs I've ever seen. They were all different but so closely knit. They really influenced my late teens."

For all his talent and ability, Dangerfield keeps his feet firmly on the ground. He admits music is his life, but believes it is just a game without rules.

He said: "It's easy to forget that and start to think you need to abide by rules. You don't."

Jay Kay keen to be back on road

THE cat in the hat is back . . . Frontman Jay Kay is returning with Jamiroquai for the soulful jazz-funk band's first UK tour in more than five years.

Jamiroquai will be at the LG Arena on Sunday, April 17, as one of only four UK dates before they boogie on over to the continent.

The international popularity of the group is apparently as strong as ever with latest and seventh album Rock Dust Light Star having charted in more than 20 countries.

"I can't wait to get back out on the road and tour, particularly round the UK where we haven't toured for a while," said Jay Kay.

"We're looking forward to playing stuff from the new album as well as giving you new twists on plenty of the old hits."

The group has a seventh hit album under its belt and adding to the 25 million-plus albums sold to date, plus a shelf full of awards including an Ivor Novello, a Grammy and five MTV gongs.

Those who saw their Hyde Park show with Stevie Wonder last summer reckon Jay Kay and co are still at the peak of their powers.

Jay Kay is back touring with Jamiroquai

Naughty but nice dates with The Calendar Girls

The Calendar Girls grin and bare it

SEVERAL of the UK's favourite actresses will be shedding their inhibitions along with their clothes for the return of the hit comedy Calendar Girls to Birmingham Hippodrome from Monday to Saturday.

Based on the true story of the Women's Institute ladies who posed for a nude calendar to raise money for a memorial, the star-studded cast includes Lynda Bellingham, Ruth Madoc, Bernie Nolan, Jennifer Ellison, Lisa Riley, Danielle Lineker, Trudie Goodwin, Gwen Taylor and Diana Moran.The play was a sell-out success last time it was staged at the Hippodrome and is likely to be greeted with house full signs again this year.

The gothic horror musical with former Wet Wet Wet singer Marti Pellow as Jekyll & Hyde continues at the Hippodrome to Saturday.

Rock 'n' roll musical Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story comes to The Grand, Wolverhampton, to conjure musical memories of the tall bespectacled Texan who might have been as big as Elvis, had he not died aged 22 in the same plane crash that claimed the lives of The Big Bopper and Ritchie Valens. Buddy's legacy lived on through songs such as Heartbeat, Oh Boy, Rave On and Raining In My Heart. Buddy's brief but brilliant career will be remembered at the Grand from Monday to Saturday. Meanwhile, a genuine English rock 'n' roll veteran from the Buddy era, Joe Brown, who in his youth toured with Eddie Cochran and Gene Vincent, celebrates his 50 years in showbiz at the Grand on Sunday night. If you miss Joe at Wolverhampton, you can catch him at Birmingham Town Hall on April 15.

One-nighters at the New Alex include: Saturday, Cafe Bellydance including Samir from Cirque du Soleil in Las Vegas; Tuesday, Drumchasers, a percussion and dance ensemble with recorded narration from Stephen Fry; Wednesday, The Big Ballet, featuring Russian ballerinas, none weighing less than 16 stone.

Comedy highlights include Mock The Week regular Andy Parsons at Wolverhampton Civic Hall tomorrow night (Friday) and slick joke machine Jimmy Carr brings his Laughter Therapy to the Symphony Hall on Saturday and Sunday to be filmed for his next DVD.

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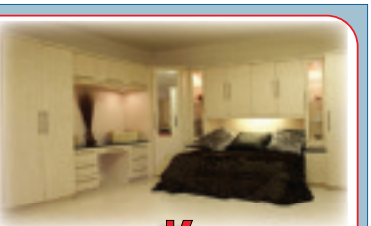

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Saturday TV

Choice

CSI: NY

Channel 5, 9.10pm

The team investigates a series of shootings at a nightclub, where a bartender and two patrons were executed by a hit-man, who then proceeded to kidnap a fourth victim. Hawes is stunned when the abducted woman is revealed to be Camille Jordanson, a childhood friend who has become embroiled in a messy counterfeit pill scheme, and seems to have made a few enemies in the criminal underworld. Guest starring singer Ne-Yo, alongside Gary Sinise, Sela Ward, Carmine Giovinazzo, Anna Belknap, AJ Buckley, Hill Harper, Eddie Cahill, Lesley Ann Brandt and Brandon Scott.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **8.00** Formula 1: The Malaysian Grand Prix – Qualifying. Live coverage of the battle for pole position. **10.15** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** The Grand National. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** All New Total Wipeout: Celebrity Special.

6.30 So You Think You Can Dance. The remaining dancers try to impress at Choreography Camp, before judges Nigel Lythgoe, Arlene Phillips, Louise Redknapp and Sisco Gomez reveal who will appear in the live shows.

7.30 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. Two workmates take part in the high-tension quiz show presented by Nick Knowles in which contestants have the opportunity to win £100,000.

8.20 Casualty. Jay struggles to cope with work as he returns from his operation.

9.10 Live at the Apollo. With Michael McIntyre, Rich Hall and Rhod Gilbert. (R)

9.55 BBC News; Weather.

10.15 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester United v Fulham; National Lottery Update.

11.35 The Football League Show; Weatherview.

1.00 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **11.30** Golf: The Masters. **12.30** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.50** Film: Space Camp. (1986) Children's sci-fi adventure, starring Kate Capshaw. **2.30** Flog It! **3.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** The Big Flutter: The Grand National on Film. **5.45** Coast. (R)

6.00 Dad's Army. The platoon helps a lady farmer. (R)

6.30 Highlights from the Lambing Shed. Kate Humble and Adam Henson present a look back over the week of Lambing Live, tracing the highs and lows of the season with the Marston family in Cumbria. Last in the series.

7.30 Goldie's Band: By Royal Appointment. The group finishes weeks of intensive masterclasses and musical workshops with a performance at Buckingham Palace in the presence of Prince Harry. Last in the series.

8.30 Live Golf: The Masters. Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the third day from the Augusta National in Georgia, where the first Major of the year continues. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

12.00 Grand National Re-Run. **12.30** Later with Jools Holland. (R) **1.35** Film: Between. (2005) Thriller, with Poppy Montgomery.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** Coronation Street. **11.45** This Morning: Saturday. **12.50** Monk. **1.50** ITV News; Weather. **2.05** You've Been Framed! (R) **2.35** Film: Catwoman. (2004) Superhero adventure, starring Halle Berry. **4.30** The Nation's Favourite Abba Song. The group's most popular hits, as voted for by the British public. (R)

6.00 Regional Programmes.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 New You've Been Framed! Featuring a lizard with an attitude problem.

7.00 FILM: Mamma Mia! (2008) Premiere. A bride asks three of her mother's old flames to her wedding to learn which one is her father. Musical comedy featuring Abba songs, with Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan.

9.10 When Piers Met Andrew Lloyd Webber. The award-winning composer talks at his villa in Majorca about his private life and coming to terms with cancer, and Piers Morgan also follows him at work in London's West End.

10.10 ITV News; Weather.

10.25 FILM: Knocked Up. (2007) Romantic comedy, starring Seth Rogen, Katherine Heigl and Paul Rudd.

12.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.50** Swingtown. (R) **3.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** The Track and Field Show. (R) **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.50** T4: Friends. (R) **9.20** T4: Source Code: T4 Movie Special. **9.50** T4: Friends. (R) **10.20** T4: Glee. **11.20** T4: Great British Hairdresser. **12.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.25** The Secret Supper Club. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.05 Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.35 Channel 4 News.

7.05 4thought.tv.

7.10 River Cottage Every Day. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall bakes home-made bread. (R)

8.10 Seven Ages of Britain. The sixth age of Britain, from 1350 to 1530AD. (R)

9.10 FILM: Transporter 3. (2008) Premiere. An underworld courier must transport the kidnapped daughter of a crooked politician across Europe. Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham and Natalya Rudakova.

11.10 Stand Up for the Week. Satirical comedy show, hosted by Kevin Bridges.

12.00 Film: The Untouchables. (1987) Gangster thriller, starring Kevin Costner. **2.05** Sex in the 80s: The Story of Club 18-30. (R) **3.00** Privileged. (R) **4.35** Ugly Betty. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** The Family Recipe. (R) **10.05** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.05** Emergency Bikers. (R) **12.05** Megastructures: 747 Demolition. (R) **1.10** Film: The Battle at Apache Pass. (1952) Western, with Jeff Chandler. **2.50** Film: Vegas Vacation. (1997) Comedy, starring Chevy Chase. **4.35** 5 News Weekend. **4.45** Film: The Cowboys. (1972) Western adventure, starring John Wayne.

7.15 NCIS. A man is found dead in a taxi. Drama, with Mark Harmon (R)

8.10 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. Investigations at a pottery store murder scene provide the team with clues to an unsolved kidnapping that took place 20 years previously. Drama, starring William Petersen. (R)

9.10 CSI: NY. Three people are executed by a hit-man at a nightclub, and with the life of a kidnapped woman hanging in the balance, the team tries to track down the killer. Guest starring Ne-Yo.

10.10 CSI: Miami. A bride is shot dead during her elaborate wedding ceremony. (R)

11.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A hunter is found mauled by a bear. (R)

12.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.10** Nick's Quest. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2

4.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp Compilation **5.00** You've Been Framed! **5.35** Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) **7.40** Film: The Scorpion King (2002) **9.30** Film: Van Helsing (2004)

ITV3

5.55 Inspector Morse **8.00** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Midsomer Murders. A commune leader is killed. Last in the series. **11.00** Murder in Suburbia

ITV4

11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Deccan Chargers v Rajasthan Royals and Kochi Tuskers Kerala v Royal Challengers Bangalore. **7.30** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **9.00** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors **10.00** Ultimate Force **11.40** Film: Death Wish V: The Face of Death (1994)

BBC THREE

7.00 The Real Hustle: Celebrity Scammers **7.30** Doctor Who **9.10** Film: Legally Blonde (2001) **10.40** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.25** Family Guy

BBC FOUR

7.00 Yellowstone **8.00** Al Murray's German Adventure **9.00** Spiral **10.50** Twenty Twelve **11.20** Room at the Top

E4

1.25 Hollyoaks **4.00** Make It or Break It **5.00** Friends **6.00** Glee **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.55** How I Met Your Mother **8.55** Friends **10.00** The Idiot Awards

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3.00 The Duellists (1977) **5.00** A Matter of Life and Death (1946) **7.00** Edward Scissorhands (1990) **9.00** This Is England (2006) Shane Meadows' drama set in the 1980s, starring Thomas Turgoose, Stephen Graham and Jo Hartley. **11.00** Oldboy (2003)

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LIVE GOLF: THE MASTERS

BBC2, 7.00pm

The opening Major of the year reaches the final day at the Augusta National in Georgia, where the coveted Green Jacket will be awarded. Phil Mickelson showed his nerve last year by not registering a single bogey to complete his third five-under-par round of 67 in four days and it was enough for him to win this title for the third time. Lee Westwood finished three shots behind in second place and Anthony Kim one stroke further back in third following an outstanding seven-under-par concluding round of 65. Hazel Irvine hosts. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **8.00** Formula 1: The Malaysian Grand Prix Live. The second race of the season (Start-time 9.00am). **11.15** Country Tracks. **12.15** The Politics Show. **1.15** The Story of Vaisakhi. **1.45** Formula 1: The Malaysian Grand Prix. **3.45** Escape to the Country. **4.30** Points of View. **4.45** Songs of Praise. **5.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Regional Programme.
6.30 The Boat That Guy Built. Guy Martin shows off the renovated boat at a party. Last in the series. (R)
7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker attends the opening of the trout season on the River Itchen in Hampshire, while Ellie Harrison discovers the many varieties of wildlife that live on the river's banks.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts return to Swindon's Museum of Steam.
9.00 Waking the Dead. Part one of two. Boyd re-opens the first case he ever worked on.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Match of the Day 2. Blackpool v Arsenal and Aston Villa v Newcastle United.
11.25 FILM: The Hunted. (2003) Action thriller, starring Tommy Lee Jones and Benicio Del Toro; Weatherview.

12.55 Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) **1.55** Holby City. (R) **2.55** Men of Rock. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** MasterChef. (R) **12.30** Priceless Antiques Roadshow. (R) **1.00** EastEnders. **2.55** Artistic Gymnastics. **5.30** Flog It! Items are valued in Yeovil, Somerset, and Paul Martin visits a local maltings. (R)

6.00 The Truth About Lions. Jonathan Scott and Professor Craig Packer conclude their investigation into the creature's social habits and consider the challenges the big cats face for survival. (R)
7.00 Live Golf: The Masters. The opening Major of the year reaches the final day at the Augusta National in Georgia, where the coveted Green Jacket will be awarded.

12.00 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. Greg Davies and Victoria Coren join the comedian in Glasgow to discuss the week's news stories. (R) **12.30** Film: Roger Dodger. (2002) A manipulative womaniser trying to regain some self-esteem gives his nephew a few pointers in the art of seduction. Black comedy drama, starring Campbell Scott, Jesse Eisenberg and Isabella Rossellini. **2.10** BBC News. **3.55** The Super League Show. Action from the latest matches, including Huddersfield Giants v Warrington Wolves, Hull Kingston Rovers v Leeds Rhinos and Castleford Tigers v Salford City Reds. **4.25** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.25** House Gift. (R) **11.30** This Morning: Sunday. **12.30** Dinner Date. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.35** Film: Columbo: Uneasy Lies the Crown. (1990) Crime drama, with Peter Falk. **3.35** Abba: The Mamma Mia! Story. (R) **4.35** Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.35 Regional Programmes.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 The Cube. A PE teacher takes on the challenge, aiming to complete tasks within the confines of a large transparent cube to win a jackpot of £250,000. Hosted by Phillip Schofield.
8.00 Lewis. The detective investigates when a female bishop visiting St Gerard's College is found dead after drinking poisoned wine. Guest starring Sian Phillips and Ronald Pickup.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 FILM: Atonement. (2007) A 13-year-old girl accuses her sister's lover of a crime he did not commit, with tragic repercussions. Romantic period drama, starring Keira Knightley and James McAvoy.

12.25 Premiership Rugby Union. **1.10** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Film: The Fog. (1980) Horror, starring Adrienne Barbeau. **3.30** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.05 Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freesports on 4. **7.25** Crunchtime. **7.50** T4: Friends. (R) **8.20** T4: Friends. (R) **8.45** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.20** T4: Friends. (R) **11.55** T4: Glee. (R) **12.50** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **2.25** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **2.55** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **3.30** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **4.00** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Time Team.

6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv.
7.00 Come Dine with Me. A garage manager competes against a TV cameraman, a man who works in telesales and a charity worker as the dinner party challenge heads to Swansea.
8.00 Civilization: Is the West History? Niall Ferguson analyses how the West's work ethic has changed. Last in the series.
9.00 Country House Rescue. Ruth Watson visits a Montessori school on the outskirts of Watford.
10.00 FILM: Wedding Crashers. (2005) Comedy, starring Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn.

12.15 Film: Basic Instinct 2. (2006) **2.15** Never Did Me Any Harm. (R) **3.10** Vincent: The Full Story. (R) **4.05** The Play's the Thing. (R) **5.00** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.10** Chiro. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.45** Igam Ogam. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **8.20** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.35** Family! (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** Chinese Food in Minutes. **10.15** OK! TV Sunday. **11.15** Family Food Fight. (R) **11.45** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **12.45** Tsunami: British Search & Rescue. (R) **1.50** Film: You Got Served. (2004) Premiere. Drama, starring Marques Houston. **3.40** Film: High School Musical 3: Senior Year. (2008) Teen musical sequel, starring Zac Efron. **5.50** 5 News Weekend.

6.00 FILM: Mr Deeds. (2002) Romantic comedy remake, starring Adam Sandler.
7.40 FILM: Hellboy. (2004) Comic-book action fantasy, starring Ron Perlman.
10.00 The Walking Dead.
11.30 FILM: Thir13en Ghosts. (2001)

1.15 SuperCasino. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.10** UEFA Europa League Highlights. **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
2.30 Film: The Scorpion King (2002) **4.15** The Only Way Is Essex **5.45** Film: Back to the Future Part III (1990) **8.00** Kerry Katona – The Next Chapter **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: Batman Begins (2005)

ITV3
3.30 Film: City of Angels (1998) **5.40** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Susan Boyle **9.00** Film: Ray (2004)

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Delhi Daredevils v Mumbai Indians and Pune Warriors v Kings XI Punjab. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: US Marshals (1998) **11.40** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

BBC THREE
7.00 Formula 1: The Malaysian Grand Prix Highlights **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Police Academy UK **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** White Van Man

BBC FOUR
7.00 The Sky at Night **8.00** The Space Shuttle: A Horizon Guide **9.00** Storyville – Knocking on Heaven's Door **10.00** Destination Titan **11.00** The First Men in the Moon

E4
3.55 Film: The Wedding Planner (2001) **6.00** Friends **7.00** 90210 **8.00** Friends **9.00** Film: The Full Monty (1997) **10.45** Being Erica **11.45** Film: Sleeping with the Enemy (1991)

FILM4
2.55 My Neighbour Totoro (1988) **4.45** 4Films For **4.50** Paper Moon (1973) **6.55** Romancing the Stone (1984) **9.00** The French Connection (1971). Oscar-winning thriller, starring Gene Hackman, Roy Scheider and Fernando Rey. **11.05** Brokeback Mountain (2005)

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2006 - Numbersixvalverde	1982 - Grittar
2005 - Hedgehunter	1981 - Aldaniti
2004 - Amberleigh House	1980 - Ben Nevis
2003 - Monty's Pass	1979 - Rubstic
2002 - Bindaree	1978 - Lucius
2001 - Red Marauder	1977 - Red Rum
2000 - Papillon	1976 - Rag Trade
1999 - Bobbyjo	1975 - L'Escargot
1998 - Earth Summit	1974 - Red Rum
1997 - Lord Gyllene	1973 - Red Rum
1996 - Rough Quest	1972 - Well To Do
1995 - Royal Athlete	1971 - Specify
1994 - Minnehoma	1970 - Gay Trip
1993 - Race Void - false starts, Esha Ness finished first	1969 - Highland Wedding
1992 - Party Politics	1968 - Red Alligator
1991 - Seagram	1967 - Foinavon
1990 - Mr Frisk	1966 - Anglo
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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Animal 24:7. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Filthy Rotten Scoundrels. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign. (R) **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Bang Goes the Theory; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Living with the Ayatollah – Panorama. **9.00** Waking the Dead. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** A Question of Sport. **11.05** Late Kick Off. **11.35** Film: The Walker. (2007); Weatherview. **1.20** Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) **2.20** Arctic with Bruce Parry. (R) **3.20** Baking Made Easy. (R) **3.50** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **6.55** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** Meerkat Manor. (R) **12.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **12.25** Animal Park. (R) **12.55** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.40** To Buy or Not to Buy. **2.25** Restoration Roadshow. (R) **2.55** Flog It! (R) **3.40** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **4.25** Pointless. **5.10** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **5.55** Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** This Is Britain. (R) **8.00** Railway Walks. (R) **8.30** Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. **9.00** A Home for Maisie. **10.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Wonders of the Solar System. (R) **12.20** The Brain: A Secret History. **1.20** BBC News. **3.50** Close. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone. (R)

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **6.50** Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** The Dales. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Law & Order: UK. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Real Crime with Mark Austin: The Tesco Bomber. (R) **11.35** River Monsters. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** UEFA Champions League Weekly. **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** Jeremy Kyle: Morning Surgery. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** Max Bear. **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Freshly Squeezed. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.35** Friends. (R) **9.05** Wife Swap USA. (R) **10.00** Brothers & Sisters. **10.55** Relocation, Relocation. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Bites. (R) **12.20** Film: The Day the Earth Stood Still. (1951) **2.05** Cookery School. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Fern. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign. **8.00** Dispatches: Undercover Hospital. **9.00** One Born Every Minute. (R) **10.00** The 27 Inch Man: A Bodyshock Special. **11.05** The Event. **12.05** 4thought.tv. **12.10** Music on 4: Foo Fighters: In a New Light. **12.40** European Poker Tour. **1.40** The SS. **2.35** Codex. (R) **3.20** Vincent: The Full Story. **4.15** The Bible: A History. (R) **5.10** Hill Street Blues.

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Bridezillas. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.20** House. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. **3.15** Film: Family Sins. (2004) **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.25** Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the No Campaign. **7.30** How Do They Do It?; 5 News Update. **8.00** The Gadget Show; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Film: Resident Evil: Extinction. (2007) **10.55** Film: Derailed. (2002) **12.40** Sex Lessons. **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** How Not to Decorate. (R) **4.55** Rough Guide to Islands. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Animal 24:7. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Filthy Rotten Scoundrels. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the Yes Campaign. (R) **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** Candy Cabs. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** See You in Court. **11.25** Love Me, Love My Face; Weatherview. **12.30** Sign Zone: Michel Roux's Service. (R) **1.30** Who Does What? (R) **2.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **3.00** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **6.55** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** Film: Oh, Mr Porter! (1937) Comedy, with Will Hay. **12.55** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.40** To Buy or Not to Buy. **2.25** Restoration Roadshow. (R) **2.55** Flog It! (R) **3.40** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **4.25** Pointless. **5.10** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **5.55** Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the Yes Campaign. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Coast. (R) **8.00** Britain's Next Big Thing. **9.00** Filthy Cities. **10.00** Later Live – with Jools Holland. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Wonders of the Solar System. (R) **12.20** Wonders of the Solar System. (R) **1.20** BBC News. **3.00** Close. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 **6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** Max Bear. **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.15** Freshly Squeezed. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.35** Friends. (R) **9.05** Wife Swap USA. (R) **10.00** Brothers & Sisters. **11.00** A Place by the Sea. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Great British Brands. (R) **12.20** River Cottage Bites. (R) **12.25** Film: The War of the Worlds. (1953) **2.05** Cookery School. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Fern. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the Yes Campaign. **8.00** Supersize vs Superskinny. **9.00** Katie: My Beautiful Friends. **10.00** Campus. **11.05** Pete Versus Life. **11.40** School of Comedy. **12.10** 4thought.tv. **12.15** UK & Ireland Poker Tour. **1.15** Freesports on 4. (R) **1.40** The Grid. (R) **2.05** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **2.30** Sailing. (R) **3.00** ITU Triathlon. (R) **3.50** AVP Beach Volleyball. (R) **4.45** Crunchtime. (R) **5.10** Full Metal Challenge. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Bridezillas. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.20** House. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. **3.10** Film: Mercy Mission: The Rescue of Flight 771. (1993) **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.25** Referendum Broadcast on Behalf of the Yes Campaign. **7.30** Extraordinary Dogs; 5 News. **8.00** Tutankhamun: The Mystery Revealed; (R) 5 News at 9. **9.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **10.00** CSI: Miami. (R) **10.55** CSI: NY. (R) **11.50** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **12.45** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** How Not to Decorate. (R) **4.55** Rough Guide to Adventures. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Animal 24:7. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Filthy Rotten Scoundrels. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** DIY SOS: The Big Build; BBC News; Regional News. **8.30** Life of Riley. **9.00** MasterChef. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.45** Would I Lie to You? (R) **11.15** Film: Scream. (1996) Horror, starring Neve Campbell; National Lottery Update; Weatherview. **1.00** Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) **1.30** Country Tracks. (R) **2.30** Natural World. (R) **3.30** Rip Off Britain. (R) **4.00** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **6.55** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** Film: Too Many Crooks. (1959) Crime caper, starring Terry-Thomas. **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** Coast. (R) **1.45** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.30** Restoration Roadshow. (R) **3.00** Flog It! (R) **3.45** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **4.30** Pointless. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **5.55** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **8.00** Springwatch High Seas with Gordon Buchanan. (R) **9.00** The Crimson Petal and the White. **10.00** The Victorians. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Wonders of the Solar System. (R) **12.20** Wonders of the Solar System. (R) **1.20** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** UEFA Champions League Live. Tottenham Hotspur v Real Madrid (Kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** UEFA Champions League: Extra Time. **11.35** Smugglers. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** Spartacus. (R) **4.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** Max Bear. **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.15** Freshly Squeezed. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.35** Friends. (R) **9.05** Wife Swap USA. (R) **10.00** Brothers & Sisters. **11.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Jamie at Home. (R) **12.35** Film: Invasion of the Body Snatchers. (1956) **2.10** Cookery School. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Fern. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Vacation, Vacation, Vacation. **8.30** Superscrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. **9.00** Jamie's Dream School. **10.00** Desperate Housewives. **11.05** The Big C. **11.40** Music on 4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. **12.10** Music on 4: Abbey Road Debuts. **12.30** Music on 4: 4Play: Young Knives. **12.45** Music on 4; 4Play: The Chapman Family. **1.00** Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Spotlight. **1.15** The Frontier House. (R) **2.10** Vincent: The Full Story. (R) **3.05** Film: Where the Sidewalk Ends. (1950) **4.45** Great British Brands. (R) **5.00** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Bridezillas. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News. **12.20** House. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.00** Film: Charms for the Easy Life. (2002) **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** Starlight: For the Children; 5 News. **8.00** Emergency Bikers; (R) 5 News **9.00** NCIS. **10.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. (R) **10.55** Law & Order. (R) **11.55** Poker: Aussie Millions. **12.55** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** How Not to Decorate. (R) **4.55** Rough Guide to Activity Holidays. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Animal 24:7. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Filthy Rotten Scoundrels. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Watchdog. **9.00** New Tricks. (R) **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Question Time. **11.35** Women, Weddings, War and Me; Holiday Weatherview. **12.40** Sign Zone: Neighbourhood Watched. (R) **1.25** Living with the Ayatollah – Panorama. (R) **1.55** Countryfile. (R) **2.55** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **6.55** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** Film: Just My Luck. (1957) Comedy, starring Norman Wisdom. **1.00** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.45** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.30** Restoration Roadshow. (R) **3.00** Flog It! (R) **3.45** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **4.30** Pointless. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Shanties and Sea Songs with Gareth Malone. (R) **8.00** The Animal's Guide to Britain. **9.00** A History of Celtic Britain. **10.00** Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Filthy Cities. (R) **12.20** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone. (R)

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Children of the Tsunami: Tonight. **8.00** Emmerdale. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Monroe. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Benidorm. (R) **11.35** Caroline Quentin: A Passage Through India. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Children of the Tsunami: Tonight. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** Jeremy Kyle: Morning Surgery. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Treacle People. **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Freshly Squeezed. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.35** Friends. (R) **9.05** Wife Swap USA. (R) **10.00** Brothers & Sisters. **10.55** The Restoration Man. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Great British Brands. (R) **12.15** River Cottage Bites. (R) **12.20** Film: Destination Moon. (1950) Sci-fi adventure, starring John Archer. **2.10** Cookery School. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Fern. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Three in a Bed. **9.00** Terror Weapon of the Somme: A Time Team Special. **10.00** 10 O'Clock Live. **11.05** Friday Night Dinner. (R) **11.35** The Ricky Gervais Show. **12.10** Music on 4: Arctic Monkeys: Video Exclusive. **12.20** Music on 4: Album Chart Show Introduces Wretch 32. **12.35** Music on 4: 4Play: James Vincent McMorrow. **12.50** Face of Britain. (R) **1.45** A Harlot's Progress. (R) **3.35** Unreported World. (R) **4.00** Dispatches: Undercover Hospital. (R) **4.55** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

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Friday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Animal 24:7. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Filthy Rotten Scoundrels. (R) **11.45** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** A Question of Sport. (R) **9.00** Have I Got News for You. **9.30** QI. (R) **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Graham Norton Show. **11.20** The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. **11.30** The One Show. (R) **12.30** Film: Fakers. (2004) Crime comedy, starring Matthew Rhys; Weatherview. **1.55** Sign Zone: Michel Roux's Service. (R) **2.55** The Boat That Guy Built. (R) **3.25** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **6.55** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** Film: Battle of the Sexes. (1959) Comedy, starring Peter Sellers. **1.00** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.45** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.30** Restoration Roadshow. (R) **3.00** Flog It! (R) **3.45** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **4.30** Pointless. **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** An Island Parish. **7.30** Mastermind. **8.30** Gardeners' World. **9.00** Monty Don's Italian Gardens. **10.00** Frank Skinner's Opinionated. **10.30** Newsnight. **11.00** The Review Show; Weather. **11.50** Later with Jools Holland. **12.50** Film: Pinero. (2001) Biopic of the poet, starring Benjamin Bratt. **2.20** BBC News. **3.55** Close.

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Channel 4 **6.05** Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Treacle People. (R) **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Freshly Squeezed. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.35** Friends. (R) **9.05** Wife Swap USA. (R) **10.00** Brothers & Sisters. **10.55** Gok's Fashion Fix. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Bites. **12.10** Film: Mysterious Island. (1961) Sci-fi adventure, starring Michael Craig. **2.10** Cookery School. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Fern. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.25** 4thought.tv. **7.30** Unreported World. **8.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. **9.00** Embarrassing Bodies: Back to the Clinic. **10.00** David Walliams: Awfully Good Ads. **12.10** 10 O'Clock Live. (R) **1.05** Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. **1.20** Music on 4: 4Play: Funeral Party. (R) **1.30** My Name Is Earl. (R) **2.15** Freaky. (R) **3.05** Tricks from the Bible. (R) **4.00** Ugly Betty. (R) **5.00** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

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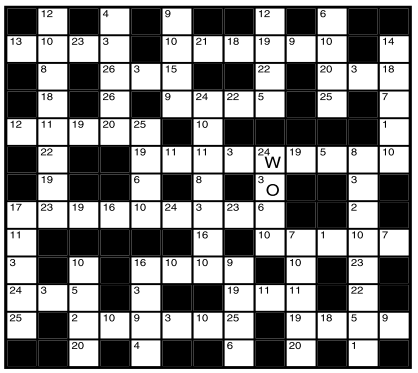

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Across

1. Snap decision on a question of race? (5,6)
9. Serve up (3)
10. Go too far across a stretch of water (9)
11. Hotel employees a long time in extra thought (5)
13. Begin the dance, like an unrestricted puppy? (4,3)
14. One inside wards off evil spirits (6)
16. Take another look at a critical report? (6)
18. Refined male fish? (7)
19. Possible range of emotion (5)
20. Clearly express a writer's work? (4,5)
21. Had a meal from a packet of dates (3)
22. On the verge of retirement? (5,3,3)

Down

2. A centre of revolution (3)
3. They may make a stool (5)
4. Weak charge has a miserable finish (6)
5. Hastened up with speed to tell the tale (7)
6. Secretly watching for the fish that's due (9)
7. It could lead to a lassie's downfall, she's only young (4,2,1,4)
8. Employee in removal business? (5,6)
12. Reg is wrong to promise fruit (9)
15. An obstinate person had dire trouble (3-4)
17. Cancelled a surprise order for the hairdresser! (3,3)
19. Poisonous creature seen in summer (5)
21. One gives superlative service (3)

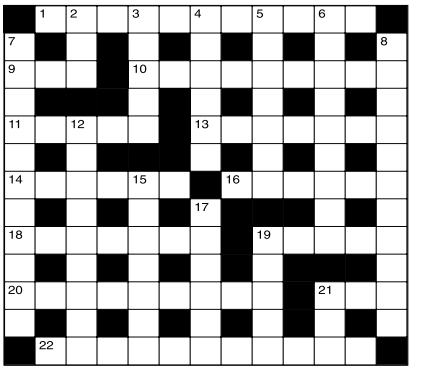
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Scatter here and there (11)
9. Serpent (3)
10. Instruction (9)
11. Type of duck (5)
13. Apart (7)
14. Beginning (6)
16. Highest point (6)
18. Relate (7)
19. A dead language (5)
20. Vigorous (9)
21. Untruth (3)
22. Anyway (2,3,6)

Down

2. Pinch (3)
3. Senior (5)
4. Shriek (6)
5. Shut out (7)
6. Blown spray (9)
7. Seek advice (4,7)
8. Rebuked (11)
12. Cleansing agent (9)
15. Gospel (7)
17. Stinging plant (6)
19. Sordid gain (5)
21. Allow (3)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Gout; 3 Rent-free; 9 Niagara; 10 Oaths; 11 Miss the point; 13 Tapers; 15 Agreed; 17 Burning fever; 20 Osier; 21 Perturb; 22 Bookmark; 23 Shoe. Down: 1 Gunsmith; 2 Urals; 4 Erases; 5 Thoroughfare; 6 Retinue; 7 East; 8 Battering-ram; 12 Adorable; 14 Prurigo; 16 Sniper; 18 Vouch; 19 Tomb. QUICK - Across: 1 Pity; 3 Peaceful; 9 Overeat; 10 Nurse; 11 Preposterous; 13 Coming; 15 Obsess; 17 Supernatural; 20 Pulse; 21 Earnest; 22 Sanctity; 23 Dyed. Down: 1 Prospect; 2 Theme; 4 Estate; 5 Contributory; 6 Fortune; 7 Leer; 8 Denouncement; 12 Isolated; 14 Maudlin; 16 Intent; 18 Reeky; 19 Opus.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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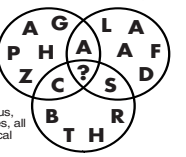
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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New show apartment to visit at Churchfields Place

HOUSEBUILDER David Wilson Mercia will be opening a brand new show apartment at Churchfields Place off All Saints Way, West Bromwich, this weekend (April 8 and 9).

The modern apartment is set to impress, having been designed by interior specialists Claude Hooper, and comes in perfect time for spring with a light, fresh and natural finish to the design, which also features a colour scheme of fuchsia pink, cream and charcoal.

The show apartment also features black and white silver-framed photography of Paris and Venice as well as high-gloss white and chrome furniture in the spacious living/dining room and chrome and satin nickel lighting throughout.

"We're really looking forward to unveiling our brand new show apartment this weekend" said Rita Tyler, Sales Manager for Barratt Mercia. "We released our first ever apartments at Churchfields Place this January and we're really pleased to be able to offer local homebuyers a vision of stylish modern living here.

"Prices for the apartments start from a very affordable £94,950 which is excellent value for money in the area, plus buyers could also be eligible to take advantage of our Head Start scheme which means you could move in for just 85 per cent of the price."

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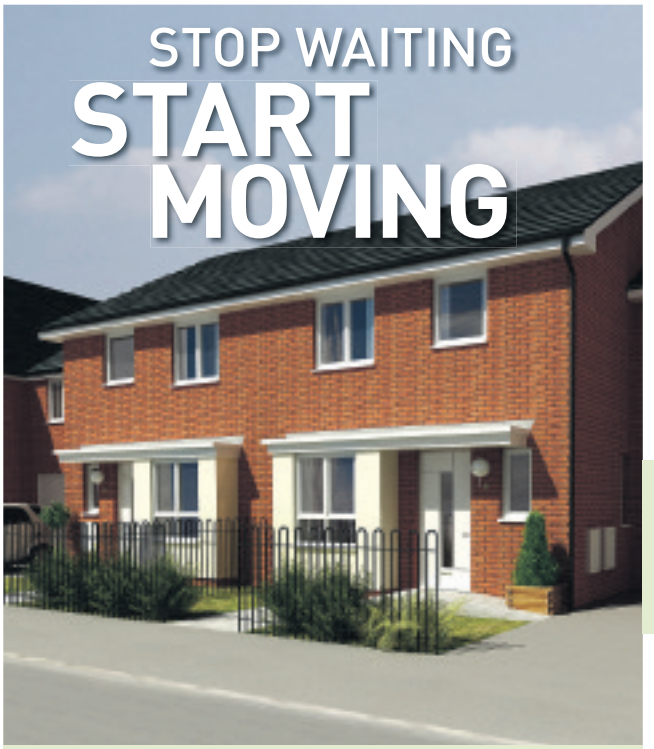

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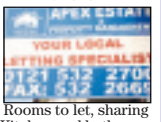

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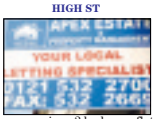

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Hagley Road West

A deceptively spacious, well presented 2 bedroomed property most conveniently situated for local shopping facilities and amenities, having double glazing, gas radiator heating and briefly comprising: Attractive conservatory, hallway, delightful lounge opening to dining area, fitted kitchen (with oven and hob), 2 good sized bedrooms, refitted shower room, separate WC and pleasant rear garden. Internal inspection highly recommended. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

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OLDBURY

Tudor Road

A chance to acquire a deceptively spacious, attractively presented, 2 bedroomed semi detached property which truly requires an internal inspection to be fully appreciated, having gas radiator heating, majority double glazing and briefly comprising :- spacious open plan through lounge/dining area opening through to attractive kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking and good sized rear garden. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

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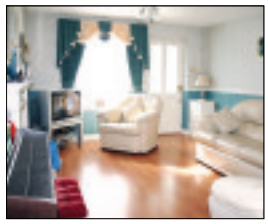
NEW

Lightwoods Hill, Bearwood

- A Spacious Semi-Detached Property
- Well Maintained Retaining Original Features
- Five Bedrooms
- Generously Sized Conservatory
- Large Breakfast Kitchen
- Views Across Lightwoods Park

Offers In the Region of £365,000

NEW



Tudor Street, Winson Green

- End Terraced Property with Rear Parking
- Two Double Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- Beautifully Presented
- Well Maintained Rear Garden
- Must be viewed

Offers in the Region of £109,950

PROPERTY OF THE MONTH

Harborne Road Oldbury

- A Pleasant Semi-Detached
- Substantially Sized Accommodation
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Extensive Rear Garden
- Close to Warley Woods
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the Region of £269,950

NEW

Norman Road, Smethwick

- A Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- In Need of General Modernisation
- Ideal Family Sized Accommodation
- Ample off Road Parking
- Potential to Extend
- No Chain

Offers in the region of £139,950

NEW

Pargeter Road, Bearwood

- A Larger Style End Terrace
- Four Bedroom Property
- Deceptively Spacious & Immaculate
- Superb Breakfast Kitchen
- Useful Utility
- Internal Viewing is Highly Recommended

Offers in the region of £174,950

Francis Road, Smethwick

- A Delightful End Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Spacious Breakfast Kitchen
- Elegant Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Well Maintained Rear Garden

Offers in the region of £124,950

Hales Crescent, Smethwick

- A Three Bedroom Terrace Residence
- Substantially Enhanced & Deceptively Spacious
- Ideal Family Sized Accommodation
- Impressive Re-fitted Kitchen
- Superb Newly Fitted Bathroom
- Useful Workshop to Rear

Offers in the region of £154,950

Alexander Road, Bearwood

- Traditional Terrace Property
- Well Presented Throughout
- Three Bedrooms
- Delightful Breakfast Kitchen
- Guest WC
- Great Size Rear Garden

Offers in the region of £124,950

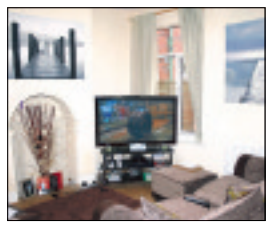
NEW PRICE

Merrivale Road, Bearwood

- A Most Attractive Terrace Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Original Features
- Stunning Bathroom
- Tasteful Decor Throughout
- No Chain

Offers in the region of £124,950

NEW PRICE



Bishopton Road, Bearwood

- An Attractive Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Close to Lightwoods Park & Local Schools
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the region of £169,950

NEW PRICE

Lightwoods Road, Bearwood

- Three Storey Traditional Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Good Sized Private Garden
- Extension to Rear
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the region of £149,950

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25 Moxhull Gardens, Willenhall, West Midlands 2bed Terrace	£360.00 PCM
8 Dryden Close, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 0SA 1 Bed Flat	£375.00 PCM
18 Salisbury House, Lily Street, West Bromwich, B71 Two Bed Ground Floor Flat	£375.00 PCM
21a St Michaels Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands,	£395.00 PCM
24 Briarley, Beaconview Road, West Bromwich, B71 2 Bed 6th Flr Appt	£395.00 PCM
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6 Westbourne Court,westbourne Road, Wednesbury, Two Bed First Floor Flat	£400.00 PCM
19 Jefferson Place, West Bromwich, B71 4EY 1 Bed Ground Floor Modern	£415.00 PCM
10 Gough Drive, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 7AL 1 Bed First Floor Apartment	£425.00 PCM
49 Sannders Crescent, Tipton, DY4 7NT A Two Bedroom 2nd Floor	£425.00 PCM
5 Warren Close, Tipton, West Mids, DY4 9PQ	£425.00 PCM
11 Trinity View Queen Street, Bilston, WV14 7ER 2 Bed 2nd Floor Apartment	£430.00 PCM
19 Trinity View Queen Street, Bilston, WV14 7ER 2 Bed Flat, Dg, Electric Heating	£430.00 PCM
15 The Avenue, Darlaston, Walsall, WEST MIDS, WS10 One Bedroom Ground Floor	£440.00 PCM
46 Ferguson Drive, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 7NS 2 Bed Apartment	£450.00 PCM
9 Short Street, Darlaston WS10 8BS Two Bed Mid Terraced	£450.00 PCM
Flat 7 Manor Flats, High Street, Sedgley, Dudley, West 2bed First Floor Flat,dg,elec	£450.00 PCM
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78 Ashley Street, Bilston, West Midlands, WV4 7NN 2 Bed Terr, Gch,dg	£450.00 PCM
39 Albany Crescent, Bilston, WV14 0HT 2 Bed Semi With Office / Study	£450.00 PCM
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37 Princes Gate, Beeches Road, West Bromwich Two Bed Modern Second Floor	£475.00 PCM
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24 Sheldon Avenue, Wednesbury, WS10 9DU 3 Bed Semi C/g D/g	£525.00 PCM
43 Crosswell Road, Oldbury, West Midlands, B68 8HB 3 Bed Mid Terrace Ch/dg	£525.00 PCM
14 Sheridon Street, West Bromwich, B71 4EF 3 Bedroom Mid Terraced With	£525.00 PCM
Flat 4, 63-65 Bustleholme Lane, West Bromwich, B71 2 Bed 1st Floor Flat, Ch, Dg	£525.00 PCM
178 Vicarage Road, West Bromwich, West Midlands, 3 Bed Mid Terraced, CH/ DG,	£525.00 PCM
35 Sheldon Avenue , Wednesbury	£525.00 PCM
562 Willenhall Road, Willenhall, West Mids 4 Bed Semi	£525.00 PCM
54 Riverbank Road, Willenhall, West Midlands, WV13 3bed Semi Det, Ch, Dg, Garden	£535.00 PCM
5 John Fletcher Close, Wednesbury, West Midlands, 2 Bed Ch Dg Semi	£550.00 PCM
35 Rayford Drive, West Bromwich, West Midlands Three Bed Semi	£550.00 PCM
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162 Hawksford Cresent, Low Hill, Wolverhampton, West	£575.00 PCM
18 Riverbank Road, Riverpoint, Willenhall, WV13, 2sa 3 Bed Semi	£575.00 PCM
162a Walsall Road, Willenhall 3 Bed Town House	£575.00 PCM
7 York Close, Tipton, West Midlands Modern 3 Bed Detached	£595.00 PCM
34 Whitehall Road, West Bromwich, B70 0HE 4 Bed Semi, 3 Reception	£595.00 PCM
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49 Tame Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands Brand New Three Storey Town	£600.00 PCM
46 Ridding Lane, Wednesbury, West Midlands, WS10 3 Bed Terrace, C/h D/g	£625.00 PCM
15 Pepperbox Drive, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 8TR 4 Bed Det, Ch, Dg	£650.00 PCM
60 Bedford Road, West Bromwich, B71 2RT 3 Bed Detached, CH, DG	£650.00 PCM
Plot 26 5, Farm End Close, West Bromwich, West A Three Bedroom Modern Town	£650.00 PCM
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- D/G and Alamed
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- One Bedroom
- Communal Parking
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- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- C/H & D/G, Freehold

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Lindley Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Traditional Semi Detached having double glazing and gas central heating. Offering no upward chain and briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, breakfast room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, enclosed driveway, side garage, fore garden and large rear garden leading onto canal.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Tame Road, Tipton — NEW

First Floor Flat having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and security entrance doors. Offering well presented good size accommodation which briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower and separate toilet.
OFFERS AROUND: £62,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Bradshaw Close, Tividale Quays, Tipton — NEW

Modern Middle Terrace which would make an ideal first time purchase. Having double glazing, gas central heating, cul de sac location & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, allocated parking & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £85,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Powis Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Superbly presented Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing, blow air central heating, spacious family accommodation, internal viewing strongly recommended & briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, through lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 car driveway & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £119,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Farmer Way, Burberry Grange, Tipton — NEW

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Situated on a most sought after location whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen / dining room with built in oven/hob, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, side driveway, side garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £139,950
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Brock Road, Tipton — REDUCED

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
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Southgate Way, Dudley — NEW

Modern First Floor Apartment having upvc double glazing, electric heating and security entrance doors. Reception hall, open plan lounge / fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 1 bedroom, bathroom and allocated parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £74,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Oval Road, Tipton — NEW

Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Good size family accommodation briefly comprises, reception Hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, front / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £89,995
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Graham Close, Wednesbury Oak Estate, Tipton — NEW

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, execellent corner plot and situated in a most sought after location. Offering no upward chain, whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, side garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £135,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Stella Road, Tipton — NEW

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Offering no upward chain and spacious family accommodation which briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, dining room, outhouses with w.c. 3 bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed block paved side driveway, side garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £111,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Thunderbolt Way, Birchfields, Tipton — NEW

Modern Middle 3 Storey Town House having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, spacious family accommodation & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, separate garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £145,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Greets Green Road, West Bromwich

Notice of Offer: Property Address 129 Greets Green Road, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 9ET. We advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £99,500. Any person wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agents of their best offer within the next 7 days. Paul Dubberley & Co. 73 Great Bridge, Tipton, West Mids. DY4 7HF Tel 0121 522 3733
OFFERS AROUND: £71,950
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Brunel Drive, Tipton — NEW

Modern Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and offering no upward chain. Ideal first time purchase whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, parking, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £97,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Myrtle Terrace, Tipton — NEW

Modern Link Detached having upvc double glazing and situated on a sought after location. Reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, block paved driveway, good size side garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £149,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Spring Meadow, Bridgemere, Tipton — NEW

Modern Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Ideal first time purchase, whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in over/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, separate allocated parking and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Puppy Green, Standeridge Park, Tipton — NEW

Modern Detached having double glazing & gas central heating. Situated on a sought after development and briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway garage, fore & rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £159,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Bridge Road, Tipton

Semi Detached having gas central heating, some upvc double glazing and offering no upward chain. Porch, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £68,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Clover Piece, Tipton

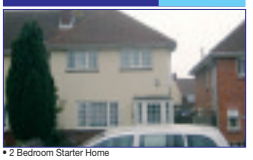
Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & quiet cul de sac location. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms (walk in wardrobe), bathroom with shower, 2 car parking, enclosed fore garden and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £104,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Franchise Street, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A Much Improved 1st Floor Flat
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Reception Hall
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: £64,950
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

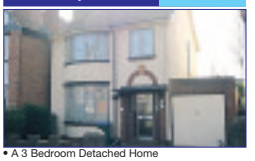
Hall Street East, Darlaston — REDUCED



- 2 Bedroom Starter Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (both where specified)
- Reception Hall
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS OVER: £75,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Hydes Road, Wednesbury — NEW



- A 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- No Upward Chain & Requiring General Upgrade
- Conveniently Located
- Reception Hall

Viewing: 0121 505 3533 £159,995

Osborne Drive, Victoria Mews — NEW

- A Modern 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double Glazing
- Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: £105,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Queen Street, Moxley, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Double Glazed (as specified)
- No Upward Chain
- In Need of General Upgrade

OFFERS AROUND: £75,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Cinder Way, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Recently Refurbished 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- No Upward Chain
- Centrally Heated and Double Glazed (where specified)
- Reception Hall

Viewing: 0121 505 3533 £99,000

Church Hill Court, Arundel Avenue, Wednesbury

- A Modern 2 Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Much Sought After Location
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £102,500
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Franchise Street, Wednesbury

- well Presented Mid Terrace
- 2 Bedrooms
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: £94,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Wednesbury Tame Crossing, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- Modern Executive 4 Bedroomed Detached House
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen

Viewing 0121 505 3533

- Study & Utility Room
- Much Sought After Estate
- En-Suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: £229,995

Taryn Drive, Primrose Gardens, Darlaston

- Link-Detached House
- 3 Bedrooms
- Central Heating & Double Glazing (where specified)
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: £129,950
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Bassett Road, Wednesbury

- A Nicely Presented 3 Bedroom Mid Town House
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

Viewing: 0121 505 3533 £74,995

Pritchard Street, Wednesbury

- A Well presented 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS OVER: £95,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Bromfield Crescent, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- Well Presented Semi-Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Entrance Hall & Guest WC
- 20ft Through Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: £110,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Ridding Lane, Wednesbury — TO LET

- A Truley Delightful 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Retaining Many Original Features
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Lounge with Characterful Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: £625
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Callear Road, Wednesbury

- A Well Proportioned 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double Glazing (as specified)
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: £94,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Bassett Road, Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £84,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

School Road, Wednesbury

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating (as specified)
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £77,950
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

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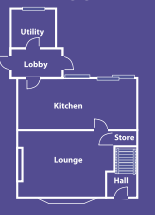

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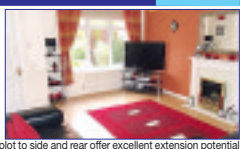
Tiverton Dr, West Brom, West Midlands — NEW

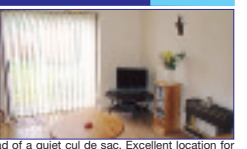


An Excellent Modern Semi Deatched House with a large plot to side and rear offer excellent extension potential (subject to planning permission). Situated within a quiet cul de sac. Centrally Heated, Double Glazed and Intruder Alarm. Accomodation Comprises- Hall, Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Large Gardens to Front, Side and Rear and Off Road Parking for 2 Cars.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 OFFERS AROUND: £159,950

Westbourne Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich — NEW

A Two Bedroom Mid Terraced House requiring upgrade and refurbishment but priced accordingly. No Upward Chain. Excellent town centre location. Accomodation Comprises- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, 2 Double Bedrooms, Gardens to Front & Rear.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £75,950

Railway Street, West Bromwich — NEW



A Modern Mid Terraced House situated at the head of a quiet cul de sac. Excellent location for Town Centre and Metro Station. No Upward Chain. Centrally Heated and Double Glazed. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge/ Diner, Kitchen, 2 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Off Road Parking available within Parking Area.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 OFFERS AROUND: £94,950

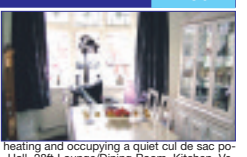
Lincoln Road, Stone Cross, West Bromwich — NEW

A Spacious 4 Bedroom Semi Detached House requiring Upgrade and Refurbishment throughout but priced accordingly. No Upward Chain. Accommodation comprises, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, 4 Good Size Bedrooms, Gardens to Front & Rear and Shared Driveway leading to Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £94,950

Bustleholme Avenue, West Bromwich — NEW

Well presented, extended semi detached residence set in a quite cul de sac location in a sought after location of West Bromwich. The property benefits from gas central heating and majority double glazing. Briefly comprising: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens, Ample off Road Parking to the Rear and Garage. (access via private road)
Viewing 0121 525 2111 OFFERS AROUND: £199,500

Mostyn Crescent, West Bromwich — REDUCED



A Traditional Semi Detached House having central heating and occupying a quiet cul de sac position in this popular residential area. Storm Porch, Hall, 28ft Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Verandah, Covered Side Passageway, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC, Block paved forecourt affording off road parking for a car and a very small rear garden.
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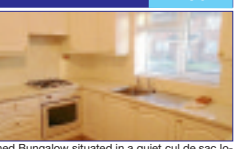
Albion Field Drive, West Bromwich — REDUCED



Reduced From £220,000 A Modern Detached Bungalow situated in a quiet cul de sac location. Very Spacious with 3 Bedrooms this property benefits from Central Heating, Double Glazing, Intruder Alarm and No Upward Chain. Accomodation comprises Hall, Lounge, Refitted Kitchen, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, 3 Bedrooms, Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway and Garage.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 OFFERS AROUND: £169,950

Rayford Drive, West Bromwich West Bromwich — REDUCED

A Delightful Semi Detached House, situated within the popular Bustleholme Mill Estate. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises Porch, Lounge and Open Plan Kitchen/ Diner, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Driveway Off Road Parking Leading to Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £125,950

Bridle Grove, West Bromwich — REDUCED

An Attractive Extended Modern Detached House located within the highly sought after Penny Hill Lane Area. Benefitting From Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance with enclosed vestibule, Inner Hall with Guest Cloaks WC, Large 'L' Shaped Lounge/ Dining Room, Conservatory, Extended Kitchen, 2nd Reception Room/ Bedroom Four, Master Bedroom with Ensuite Shower Room/ WC, 2 Further First Floor Bedrooms, Family Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and
Viewing 0121 525 2111 OFFERS AROUND: £219,950

Graham Road, West Bromwich — REDUCED

A Well Presented Extended Semi Detached House situated within a Quiet Cul De Sac. Benefitting form Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Fitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Shower Room/ WC, Large Rear Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 OFFERS AROUND: £139,950

Edwin Phillips Drive, West Bromwich West Bromwich — REDUCED

An Attractive Modern End Town House. Situated within a quiet cul de sac this property benefits from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Master Bedroom with En Suit Shower Room/ WC, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £129,950

Pembroke Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich

An Attractive Semi Detached House situated within a quiet cul de sac location. Benefitting From Central Heating, Double Glazing, Cavity Wall and Loft Insulation. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Good Size Rear Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £99,950

Broadfield Close, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Two Bedroom First Floor Maisonette available for Cash Offers Only due to Short Lease Length. Requires Upgrade and Refurbishment but Priced Accordingly. No Upward Chain. Accommodation comprises-Entrance Hall with storage cupboards, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Shower Room/ WC, Communal Rear Garden with Garden Store.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £54,950

Surrey Crescent, Hill Top, West Bromwich West Bromwich

An Attractive, Extended, Semi Detached House. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarmed. Accomodation Comprises- Porch, Entrance Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility with WC, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front and Rear, Shared Driveway to Large 'L' Shaped Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £109,950

Pennyhill Lane, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Fully Modernised, Extended Traditional Semi Detached House situated on the highly Popular Pennyhill Lane. No Upward Chain. Accomodation Coimprises- Porch, Hall, Extended Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen, Ground Floor Shower Room/ WC, Master Bedroom with Ensuite Shower Room/ WC, 3 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom/ WC. Gardens to Front & Rear, Block Paved Driveway leading to Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £234,950

Church Vale, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A two bedroom first floor flat convenient for local transport, Sandwell hospital, West Bromwich and surrounding areas. Much Improved by the current vendors. Gas centrally heated and double glazed with accommodation to include hallway, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, refitted bathroom, parking and communal gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £74,950

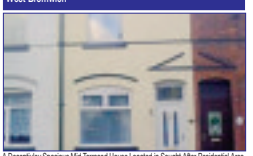
Turners Croft, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Superbly Priced, Modern Mid Town House situated within a quiet Cul De Sac. Located in the sought after Penny Hill Lane area, this property has been refurbished and modernised by the current vendor. No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, 2 Bedrooms, Shower Room/ WC, Driveway Off Road Parking and Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £99,950

Cambridge Street, West Bromwich West Bromwich

Ideal for first time buyers A Centrally Heated & Double Glazed Mid Terraced House. Excellent Town Centre Location. Accommodation Briefly comprises: 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, 2 Bedrooms and Gardens to Front & Rear.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £89,950

St Clements Lane, West Bromwich West Bromwich



A Deceptiveley Spacious Mid Terraced House Located in Sought After Residential Area. Excellent Location for Sandwell Hospital, Town Centre and Dartmouth Park. Benefitting From Central Heating and Double Glazing. Breifly Comprising; Lounge, Dining Room, Sitting Room, Refitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens To Front and Rear.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £109,950

Oakwood Croft, West Bromwich

Offers Around £159,950 Each. A Developement of Two Brand New Detached Bungalows. Built to an excellent standard these bungalows are situated within a private drive off Hall Green Road. Accomodation Comprises, Hall, Lounge, Bathroom/ WC, Kitchen/ Diner, 2 x Good Size Bedrooms, Gardens to Rear, Driveway Off Road Parking and Car Port.
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Emily Street, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Splendid Mid Terraced House with an Excellent Town Centre Location. Benefitting From Central Heating and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, 2 Good Size Bedrooms and Long Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £94,950

Charlemont Avenue, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Delightful Traditional Semi Detached House with a popular cul de sac location. Almost entirely Double Glazed and Centrally Heated, this property offers excellent family sized accomodation. Accomodation Briefly Comprises- Hall, Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Sitting room extended into small conservatory, Sun Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Split level gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway, Off Road Parking to Side Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £165,000

Rydding Lane, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A larger Type Traditional Semi Detached House requiring upgrading and modernisation but priced accordingly. Benefitting Central Heating, Almost Entirely Double Glazed and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises-Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Off Road Parking to front, Garage to side and Vehicle Access to Rear.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £144,950

St Georges Place, Bratt Street, West Bromwich

A First Floor Maisonette being sold with 70% shared ownership and age restricted for over 55's only. Benefitting from Electric Storage Heating and No Upward Chain. Accomodation comprises- Lounge/ Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom/ WC, Large Bedroom, Communal Parking Area to Rear.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £37,950

New Birmingham Road, Tividale, Oldbury Oldbury

An Extended Semi Detached House with excellect location for motorway links and Sandwell & Dudley Rail Station. Benefitting from Central Heating & Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Guest Cloaks/ WC, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £129,995

Vowles Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich

An Impressive 4 Bedroom, Modern 3 Storey Mid Town House. Benefitting From Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. The Accomodation is arranged on 3 floors and comprises- Entrance Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Kitchen/ Diner, Lounge, 4 Bedrooms, 2 En Suite Shower Rooms, Family Bathroom/ WC, Rear Garden, Off Road Parking and Integral Garage. NHBC Warranty 7years remaining.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £184,500

West Gate Plaza, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Charming First Floor Apartment within the Ultra Modern Development of West Gate Plaza. Located in the Heart of West Bromwich Town Centre this property offers excellent situation for communications links and local amenities. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and Video Intercom System. Accomodation Comprises- Hall, Open Plan Lounge and Kitchen/ Diner, Bathroom/ WC and Master Bedroom. Secure Residents Only Car Park Area to Rear.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £86,950

Hydes Road, West Bromwich, West Midlands

A 3 bedroom detached property in a popular location with good Transport links into to West Bromwich town centre the property comprises of , Storm Porch, Sitting Room, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Guest W/c, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, pleasent Rear Garden, Carpcort and off Road Parking for 3 Cars. No Upward Chain.
OFFERS AROUND:
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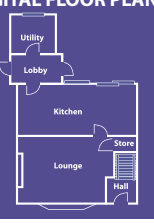

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NEW

TIPTON — **GLEBFIELDS ROAD**

- ★ Extended three bedroom semi detached
- ★ Lounge with dining area, conservatory
- ★ Extended fitted kitchen
- ★ Refitted bathroom
- ★ Blocked paved driveway
- ★ Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- ★ Rear garden

£134,950

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
JAYNE CLOSE

- ★ Three bedroom semi detached
- ★ Through lounge/dining room
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Front and rear gardens
- ★ Garage

£129,950

NEW

TIPTON — **BARTLETT CLOSE**

- ★ Three bedroom semi detached
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen and breakfast area
- ★ Upstairs family bathroom
- ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Rear garden

£117,500

NEW

TIPTON — **ST HELENS AVENUE**

- ★ Two bedroom semi detached
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking to the front
- ★ Rear garden

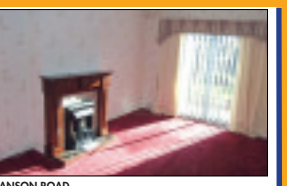
£109,995

NEW

WEST BROMWICH — **CROOKHAY LANE**

- ★ Three bedroom semi detached
- ★ In need of redecoration and modernisation
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Upstairs family bathroom
- ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Garage/storage to rear
- ★ Front and rear gardens

£104,000



NEW

WEST BROMWICH — **ANSON ROAD**

- ★ Three bedroom mid terrace
- ★ Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- ★ Outside WC and first floor family bathroom
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Garage to rear of property
- ★ Front and rear gardens

£89,950

NEW

TIPTON — **WYNN GRIFFITH DRIVE**

- ★ One bedroom semi detached house
- ★ Modernised and improved
- ★ Open plan lounge/kitchen
- ★ Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- ★ Re-fitted upstairs bathroom
- ★ Allocated parking

£72,500

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
ELWELL STREET

- ★ Two bedroom mid terrace
- ★ Through lounge/dining room
- ★ Single skin kitchen
- ★ Shower room
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking and garage to rear
- ★ Rear garden

£65,000

REDUCED

TIPTON
BENBECK GROVE

- ★ Four bedroom modern detached
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Downstairs WC and upstairs bathroom
- ★ En suite to master bedroom
- ★ Garage and off road parking
- ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Rear garden

WAS £219,995 NOW £209,995

NEW

TIPTON
IRVING ROAD

- ★ Three bedroom mid town house in quiet cul-de-sac location
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Drive and garage to rear
- ★ Rear garden

£119,995

NEW

TIPTON
MENIN ROAD

- ★ Well presented four bedroom end terrace
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Upstairs family bathroom
- ★ Downstairs WC
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Rear garden

£117,500

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
MILLWARD STREET

- ★ Three bedroom semi detached
- ★ Though lounge/dining room
- ★ Downstairs family bathroom
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Rear garden

£105,000

REDUCED

TIPTON
HUDSON ROAD

- ★ Three bedroom semi detached
- ★ Lounge, dining room and kitchen
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Garage
- ★ Rear garden

Was £125,000 Now £122,000

REDUCED

TIPTON
ROBERT ROAD

- ★ Semi detached property on corner plot
- ★ Three bedrooms and two reception rooms
- ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Garage/workshop
- ★ Gardens to front, rear and side

Was £109,995 Now OIRO £99,995

REDUCED

WEST BROMWICH
TURNER STREET

- ★ Three bedroom mid terrace
- ★ In need of upgrade and refurbishment
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen/diner (not fitted)
- ★ Upstairs bathroom (requires attention)
- ★ Double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Gardens to front and rear

Was £85,950 Now £81,000

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
HAWKSWOOD DRIVE

- ★ Three bedroom semi detached
- ★ Lounge/dining room
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ En suite to master bedroom
- ★ Garage and driveway
- ★ Front and rear gardens

Was £134,995 Now £129,995

REDUCED

WEST BROMWICH
BUSTLEHOLME LANE

- ★ Three bedroom semi detached
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Dining kitchen
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Side and rear gardens

WAS £169,995 NOW £164,995

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TIPTON
SEFTON GROVE
★ Two bedroom modern detached
★ One reception room and kitchen diner
★ Recently refitted shower room
★ Car port and off road parking
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Rear garden
£120,000

TIPTON
ANNE GROVE
★ Three bedroom extended semi detached
★ Lounge/dining room
★ Extended kitchen
★ Double glazing (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Front and rear gardens
NOW £132,950

WEDNESBURY
WILLINGSWORTH ROAD
★ Two bedroom semi detached bungalow
★ Lounge and kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Bathroom
★ Garage and driveway
★ Front and rear gardens
£134,995

TIPTON
ANNE GROVE
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Through lounge/dining room
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Conservatory
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Rear garden
£139,995

TIPTON
THE OAKS, ELIZABETH WALK
★ New build dormer bungalow
★ Three bedrooms
★ En suite to master bedroom
★ Downstairs bathroom
★ Open plan lounge and fitted kitchen with integrated appliances
★ Rear garden
£159,995

TIPTON
WAKE GREEN ROAD
★ Three bedroom semi-detached
★ Lounge/dining room, extended kitchen
★ Laundry room, conservatory
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Extended bathroom and third bedroom
★ Block paved driveway, front and rear gardens
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TIPTON
ELIZABETH WALK
★ Extended three bedroom family home
★ Lounge/dining room and extended family room
★ Breakfast kitchen and utility
★ Downstairs shower room and first floor bathroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and block paved driveway
★ Front and rear gardens
£174,995

IN TOUGH TIMES...

Myrtle Terrace, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Two Bed Bungalow	£134,995
Portfield Drive, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£130,000
Stella Road, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£105,000
Grenville Place, Dudley	SOLD STC IN 2011	One Bed Flat	£65,000
Morrison Road, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£124,950
Bustleholme Lane, West Brom	SOLD STC IN 2011	Four Bed Semi Detached	£249,950
Hall Street East, Darlaston	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£79,950
Crownmeadow Drive, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Mid Terrace	£119,995
Hobs Road,Wednesbury	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£115,000
Horseley Road, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£140,000
Wake Green Road, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£139,950
Vicarage Road, West Brom	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Detached	£164,950
Woden Road South, Wednesbury	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£169,950
Chatwins Wharf, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Two Bed Apartment	£82,500
Wenyon Close, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Two Bed Semi Detached	£94,995
Wyld Close, West Brom	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed End Terrace	£124,950
Cherry Road, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£79,995
Bustleholme Lane, West Brom	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£169,995
Goldicroft Road, Wednesbury	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Detached	£165,000
Beverston Road, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£139,995
Oldbury Street, Wednsbury	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£139,950
Farmer Way, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Detached	£189,995
Heath Lane, West Brom	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£119,950
Bartlett Close, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£124,500
Monins Avenue, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Two Bed Semi Detached	£109,995
Heathfield Lane West, Darlaston	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£79,950
Brades Road, Oldbury	SOLD STC IN 2011	Two Bed Apartment	£75,000
Whitgreave Street, West Brom	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Mid Terrace	£110,000
Lincoln Road, West Brom	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Deatched	£109,950
Hall Street, Darlaston	SOLD STC IN 2011	Two Bed Apartment	£62,950
Beverston Road, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£122,500
New Street, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed End Terrace	£94,995
Myvod Road, Wednesbury	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£124,950
Sannders Crescent, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	2.5 Storey End Townhouse	£125,000
Haines Close, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Detached	£163,500
Crankhall Lane, Wednesbury	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Mid Townhouse	£94,950
Sannders Crescent, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	2.5 Storey End Townhouse	£127,500
Addenbrook Way, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Four Bed Detached	£195,995
Adelaide Avenue, West Brom	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£127,500
Kent Close, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Three Bed Semi Detached	£114,995
Manor Road, Tipton	SOLD STC IN 2011	Four Bed Semi Detached	£134,950
Wolverhampton Street, Darlaston	SOLD STC IN 2011	Two Bed Mid Terrace	£69,950
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★ Semi detached house
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WEDNESBURY
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★ Internal viewing is a must to appreciate the quality and size of the accommodation
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WEDNESBURY
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★ Detached bungalow
★ Immaculately presented
★ Fully double glazed and central heated throughout
★ With two bedrooms
★ Large attic room
★ Two reception rooms plus a conservatory
£205,000

WEDNESBURY
PEMBERTON CRESCENT
★ Three bedroom detached property
★ Double glazing and combination heating
★ No upward chain
★ Competitively priced for a quick sale
£119,600

WEST BROMWICH
SIDDONS WAY
★ Modern-style mid town house
★ Immaculately presented throughout
★ Two bedrooms
★ Situated in a cul de sac close to West Bromwich
★ Spacious conservatory
★ Rear garden
★ Off road parking to the fore
★ Viewings via Wednesbury office
£112,000

WEST BROMWICH
24 JAMES WATT STREET
★ Four bedroom mid terraced property
★ Two reception rooms
★ Ideal for a family purchaser or for investment purposes
★ Close to local amenities this large mid terraced
★ Porch, reception hall, two reception rooms, kitchen
★ Four bedrooms and a large rear garden
£95,000

WEST BROMWICH
BUSTLEHOLME LANE
★ Offered for sale with no upward chain
★ Traditional-style two bedroom detached bungalow
★ In the very sought after Bustleholme Lane
★ The property offers tremendous potential to improve and extend (subject to local authority planning permission)
★ Simply must be viewed internally to appreciate.
£185,000

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NEW

Wednesbury — Brunswick Terrace

A rare opportunity to acquire a Victorian "Gentleman's Residence" in a select location. Immaculately presented throughout and offering spacious family accommodation with four bedrooms, two reception rooms and two bathrooms - a very special property

£325,000

NEW

Wednesbury — Westmore Way

A superb five bedroom detached property, refurbished and immaculate throughout. All double bedrooms, two receptions, three bathrooms, large garage - ideal family home.

£239,950

NEW

Wednesbury — Kendrick Street

Three bedroom detached property in a much sought after area.
Offering excellent accommodation comprising: Lounge, separate Dining room, kitchen with appliances, utility with wc off. En suite
To master bedroom, garage with ample parking and good size rear garden.

£215,000

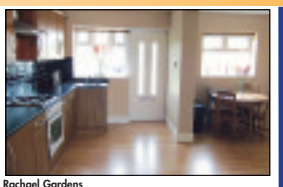
NEW

Wednesbury — Goldby Drive

Offering flexible accommodation this three bedroom, three bathroom property is in excellent order throughout. Having ground floor bedroom and bathroom ideal for teenager/relative, beautifully fitted kitchen with full range of appliances, garage and off road parking.

£142,950

NEW



Wednesbury — Rachael Gardens

Three bedroom modernised semi detached house in a sought after area providing an excellent family home. The property also falls within the catchment area for Wood Green High School.
L shaped living room, kitchen/diner, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden and off road parking for several cars.

£142,500

NEW

Walsall — Bescot Road

Located close to Junction 9 of the M6 and with excellent access to local schools and shopping, this extended semi detached home is offered for sale with no upward chain. Situated on a corner plot with ample off road parking, the extended accommodation briefly comprises of : Through lounge/dining room, extended breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, first floor bathroom, small rear garden, large garage, gated off road parking.

£119,995

NEW

West Bromwich — Sheldon Road

This extended traditional-style semi detached house is offered for sale with no upward chain and offers newly double-glazed and centrally heated accommodation with off road parking and garage facility. The property, which was originally three bedrooms, now has two bedrooms plus large first floor bathroom, two reception rooms, extended kitchen, ground floor wc and utility rooms and a pleasant rear garden.

£119,950

NEW

West Bromwich — Tame Street

Competitively priced for a quick sale and includes carpets, curtains and furniture An ideal first time or buy to let - three bedrooms, two reception rooms, gardens and off road parking. Early viewing highly recommended.

£115,000

NEW

West Bromwich — St Pauls Crescent

Situated in a small cul de sac in the Hill Top area of West Bromwich, this three bedroom semi is offered for sale with no upward chain. The property has double glazing, a new central heating system and off road parking - an ideal first time or investment buy

£94,950

NEW

Wednesbury — Lower High Street

A spacious first floor maisonette having three bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, communal gardens & no upward chain. Considered ideal as a first time purchase or investment.

£79,950

WEDNESBURY
St Lukes Road

an immaculately presented, bedroom semi detached double glazed and property at the head of a centrally heated three quiet cul de sac.

£149,950

WEDNESBURY
THE FURLONG

skitts are delighted to offer for sale corner plot the property is fully this modern style end town double glazed and centrally house. having three bedrooms heated and has the added bonus and conveniently situated on a of a garage and ample parking.

£122,500

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
DARBY ROAD

★ Semi detached house
★ Ideal first time purchase
★ Two bedrooms
★ Recently fitted kitchen
★ Re-fitted first floor bathroom
★ Private enclosed rear garden
★ Off road parking to the fore
★ Viewings via Wednesbury office

£115,000

WEDNESBURY
WINDMILL STREET

★ Superbly presented mid terraced house
★ Two bedrooms
★ Contemporary kitchen and bathroom
★ Two reception rooms
★ Enclosed rear garden
★ Sumptuous first floor bathroom
★ Ideal for first time buyers
★ Viewings via Wednesbury office

£104,950

WEDNESBURY
CURTIN DRIVE

★ Family town house
★ Three excellent sized bedrooms
★ Two reception rooms
★ Fully double glazed and condensing central heating
★ Enclosed established rear garden
★ Off road parking and gated driveway

£90,000 OFFERS AROUND

DARLASTON
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Situated in a popular road, mid terrace property has close to the amenities of central heating and double Darlaston town centre, this glazing and offers potential spacious traditional-style for further improvement..

£84,950

REDUCED

Darlaston
Marston Avenue

An extended traditional-style two the property benefits from bedroom semi detached property double glazing, central heating available with no upward chain. and is competitively priced to Quietly situated in a cul de sac appeal to first time buyers or for close to Darlaston Town Centre, investment

£79,950

DARLASTON
RICHARDS STREET

★ Traditional mid terrace house
★ Three bedroom
★ Two reception rooms
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- ★ Downstairs wc and en-suite to master bedroom
- ★ The builder is offering the following:
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- ★ Contribution towards moving costs

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TIPTON
MIDDLE MEADOW
- ★ Modern five bedroom detached three storey property
- ★ Lounge, dining room and kitchen
- ★ Downstairs WC, two en suites and family bathroom
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Detached garage and driveway
- ★ Front and rear gardens
- ★ Still under NHBC guarantee

£240,000

TIPTON
DAISY MEADOW
- ★ Four bedroom modern detached
- ★ Lounge and dining room
- ★ Conservatory and kitchen with utility room
- ★ Downstairs WC and upstairs family bathroom
- ★ En suite to master bedroom
- ★ Off road parking and garage
- ★ Rear garden

£199,995

TIPTON
WEDNESBURY OAK ROAD
- ★ Two/three bedroom detached dormer bungalow
- ★ Lounge, kitchen
- ★ Dining room/bedroom three
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Partial double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Tandem garage and driveway
- ★ Front and rear gardens

£189,995

TIPTON
PUPPY GREEN
- ★ Three bedroom detached house
- ★ Through lounge/dining room
- ★ Refitted downstairs WC, upstairs bathroom and en suite
- ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heaing (where specified)
- ★ Garage and block paved driveway

£174,950

TIPTON
DAISY MEADOW
- ★ Three bedroom modern detached
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Kitchen with utility room
- ★ Downstairs WC, upstairs family bathroom
- ★ En suite to master bedroom
- ★ Off road parking and integral garage
- ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)

£159,995

TIPTON
ANCHOR DRIVE
- ★ Modern three bedroom semi detached
- ★ Lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ En suite to master bedroom
- ★ Driveway
- ★ Rear garden

£139,995

WEST BROMWICH
WHITGREAVE STREET
- ★ Three bedroom traditional semi detached
- ★ Through lounge, fitted kitchen
- ★ Upstairs family bathroom
- ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Garage and off road parking
- ★ Gardens to front and rear

£125,000

TIPTON
LEVESON DRIVE
- ★ Three bedroom modern semi detached
- ★ Entrance hall
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Dining kitchen
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Front and rear gardens

£119,995

How to choose an Estate Agent

Choosing an Estate Agent can be a fickle business and will usually be chosen on who valued the property the highest or who had the lowest fee. It should be on how the Agent will market your property, who sells more houses in your area, honesty and professionalism. The weaker Estate Agents will over value and generally give you the cheapest fee to gain your business. You will then find that they fail to deliver on their promises and you receive no viewings or feedback for months. They generally lose interest after 6 weeks as they move onto their newer properties.

What you should look for in an agent is:

1. A history of sales in your area
2. Look at Sold boards rather than for sale boards
3. What the Estate Agent does to sell your home
4. Are they Honest, Professional and Trustworthy
5. Do they justify the price with **Sold** comparables not for sale comparables
6. Is the service they provide adequate for your needs

As you can see the valuation and fees are the last thing you should pick an agent on and at Skitts we believe we offer you the seller the best of everything i.e. great service which achieves sales in your area. If you are on the market with another agent or thinking of selling your home why not come to our **Sellers Information Evening on Tuesday 12th April between 5.00pm & 8.00pm.** There will be Solicitors on hand for **FREE** advice and costs, mortgage advisor to help with your new purchase and our experienced staff to talk about the marketing of your property. Or alternatively call us on **0121 520 2255** for a **FREE** Market Appraisal. If you require any further information please feel free to contact me.

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NEWCOMEN DRIVE
- ★ Three bedroom mid terrace
- ★ Lounge, dining kitchen
- ★ Ground floor WC
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Rear garden
- ★ Viewing via Tipton 0121-520 2255

£119,995

TIPTON
HENN DRIVE
- ★ Three bedroom semi detached
- ★ Living room, dining room, kitchen
- ★ Upstairs family bathroom
- ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Off road parking and garage
- ★ Rear garden

£115,000

TIPTON
EDWARD FISHER DRIVE
- ★ Two bedroom semi detached
- ★ Lounge, dining kitchen, conservatory
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Front and rear gardens
- ★ Off road parking
- ★ Viewing via Tipton 0121-520-2255

£109,995

TIPTON
BROAD CROFT
- ★ Two bedroom mid terrace
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Upstairs family bathroom
- ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
- ★ Tandem off road parking for two cars
- ★ Rear garden

£94,995

TIPTON
GREAT MEADOW
- ★ Two bedroom coach house
- ★ Entrance hall
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Allocated parking

£89,995

TIPTON
SYCAMORE ROAD
- ★ Two bedroom semi detached
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- ★ Front and rear gardens

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£395 PCM

TIPTON
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- Mid Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- DHSS Accepted

£395 PCM

DUDLEY PORT
DUDLEY PORT
- 2 Bed flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazed
- Sorry No DHSS

£395 PCM

OLDBURY
CAKEMORE ROAD
- Two Storey Flat
- First Floor
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS Accepted

£425 PCM

TIPTON
MIDDLE MEADOW
- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Gas Central Heating
- Allocated Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£450 PCM

WEDNESBURY
DURHAM ROAD
- Semi Detached House
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Newly Fitted Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Sorry NO DHSS

£450 PCM

WEDNESBURY
TAME CROSSING
- Two bed apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Double glazing
- Sorry NO DHSS

£475 PCM

BILSTON
CHARNWOOD CLOSE
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- One Reception room
- Kitchen
- Outhouse
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Sorry no DHSS

£495 PCM

WEST BROMWICH
TAME STREET
- Three bedroom semi-detached
- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Bathroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Garage

£575 PCM

WEDNESBURY
WESTMORE WAY
- Five Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Five Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Shower Room
- Garage
- Sorry NO DHSS

£695 PCM

DARLASTON
WALSALL ROAD
- Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Detached Garage
- Sorry NO DHSS

£750 PCM

TAMEBRIDGE
OXLIP CLOSE
- Extended Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Family Bathroom
- En-suite Shower Room
- Off Road Parking
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STYLISH MODERN LIVING ON SHOW IN WEST BROMWICH

FOLLOWING the January release of the first selection of apartments at Churchfields Place off All Saints Way, West Bromwich, leading housebuilder David Wilson Mercia will be opening a brand new show apartment at the development this weekend 9th and 10th April.

The modern apartment is sure to impress, having been designed by interior specialists Claude Hooper, and comes in perfect time for spring with a light, fresh and natural finish to the design, which also features a colour scheme of fuchsia pink, cream and charcoal.

The show apartment also features black and white silver-framed photography of Paris and Venice as well as high-gloss white and chrome furniture in the spacious living/dining room and chrome and satin nickel lighting throughout.

"We're really looking forward to unveiling our brand new show apartment this weekend" commented Rita Tyler, Sales Manager for Barratt Mercia. "We released our first ever apartments at Churchfields Place this January and we're really pleased to be able to offer local homebuyers a vision of stylish modern living here.

"Prices for the apartments start from a very affordable £94,950 which is excellent value for money in the area, plus buyers could also be eligible to take advantage of our Head Start scheme which means you could move in for just 85 per cent of the price."

With Head Start, buyers receive a 15 per cent loan on the value of their new home, which means that they could move into a new home for an initial outlay of just £80,707 and with a deposit as low as £4,035.

There is no interest or rent to pay on the outstanding amount, the deferred 15 per cent is simply paid back as 15 per cent of the property's open market value up to the point or resale or within ten years.

Rita added, "Head Start is specifically designed for first-time buyers. It offers them the chance to receive an interest-free loan on the value of their home and has been a lifeline for many people who are currently struggling to take the step into home ownership."

Named Aspire, the development features 50 new apartments in 15 distinct and modern styles, giving purchasers the chance to find a perfectly suited property that matches all their needs.

Owners of the Aspire apartments will be well-placed for close by West Bromwich town centre and within easy reach of the M5, M6, M54, M42 and M40. And located just next to Sandwell Valley Country Park, which provides over 2000 acres of Woodland and parkland, the apartments look out over a little piece of the countryside – with all of the convenience of modern urban living.

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- NO CAIN
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DANGERFIELD LANE
- 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Bathroom
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- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Driveway

£73,500

WEST BROMWICH
ANSON ROAD
- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front & Rear Garden
- Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Detached Garage

£89,950

WEST BROMWICH
MONKGATE DRIVE
- 2 Bedroom Apartment
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Allocated Parking
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms

£93,950

PRINCES END
HIGH STREET
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

£99,950

TIPTON
WALKER STREET
- Well presented semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- One reception room
- Family bathroom
- Extensive grounds to front and side

£104,000

WEST BROMWICH
ASTON COURT
- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Further Bedroom
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Allocated Parking

£104,950

WEDNESBURY
QUEEN STREET
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- Ground Floor Family Bathroom
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Rear Garden

£104,950

WEST BROMWICH
CROCKFORD ROAD
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- W.C.
- Off Road Parking

£110,000

WEDNESBURY
LILAC GROVE
- Semi Detached House
- Downstairs WC
- Gas Central Heating
- Two Bedrooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking

£112,000

WEST BROMWICH
MARSH LANE
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Lounge
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Garage
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway

£114,950

WEST BROMWICH EDWIN PHILLIPS DRIVE

- Two Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- One Reception Room
- Gas Central Heating
- Downstairs W/C
- Off Road Parking
- Fully Fitted Kitchen

£117,500

DARLASTON
PARTRIDGE AVENUE
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Two Receptions Rooms
- Rear Garden
- Kitchen
- Driveway

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TIPTON
TIBBINGTON TERRACE
- Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs W/C
- Off Road Parking
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- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Small Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Driveway

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TIPTON
GOSPEL OAK ROAD
- Three Bedroom Terrace
- with En-Suite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Bathroom
- Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Master Bedroom

£122,950

DUDLEY
DINGLE CLOSE
- Semi detached property
- Family bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Two reception rooms
- Modernised kitchen

£124,950

WEDNESBURY
FRANCHISE STREET
- NO CHAIN
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Wardrobes
- Fitted Kitchen
- Excellent Transport Links
- Allocated Off Road Parking
- Looking For a Quick Sale

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DARLASTON ROAD
- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Cloakroom
- Driveway

£142,500

WEST BROMWICH
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- Semi Detached
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Extended and
- Off Road Parking

£169,950

WEDNESBURY
WESTMORE WAY
- Five Bedroom Detached
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Garage & Driveway

£179,950

WEDNESBURY
GOLDBY DRIVE
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Detched Garage

£235,000

WEDNESBURY
WESTMORE WAY
- Detached Double Fronted
- Walk In Shower Room
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A well presented and tastefully modernly decorated double fronted semi detached property Hall entrance, lounge feature fireplace including log burner, dining kitchen with integrated appliances, W.C. off. Staircase to three bedrooms (walk in wardrobe off master) bathroom shower over bath, double glazed, central heating where specified, off road parking, front and rear gardens

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VICTORIA ROAD

Offers in the region of £112,950

A semi detached property situated in a corner position having potential for side extension subject to planning consent, reception hall, lounge with feature hreplace, kitchen, shower room. Staircase from reception hall to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms, gas central heating, double glazing where specified, off road parking, front and rear gardens

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Offers in the region of £99,950

A semi detached house situated on one of the areas quiet locations offering ideal acquisition for investment or first time purchase comprising storm porch entrance into lounge with feature fireplace, dining kitchen. Staircase from lounge to first floor landing, three bedrooms, double glazing, electric night storage heating controlled by Economy 7 time clock, off road parking and carport, gardens to front and rear

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BERTRAM ROAD

Price: £89,950

An inner terrace requiring some improvement and modernisations offering good investment potential. uPVC entrance door, two reception rooms, inner hallway with stores off, kitchen. Staircase to first floor landing with two bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, double glazing, central heating both where specified, front and rear gardens

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£600 pcm

A fully refurbished and modernised mid terraced property. Vestibule and hall entrance with two stores leading off, two reception rooms, kitchen including integrated oven and hob. Staircase from hall to first floor landing with stores, four bedrooms, bathroom, central heating, double glazing where specified, shallow front garden, rear yard

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TO LET

ROSEFIELD ROAD

£550 pcm

A fully refurbished and modernised terraced property. uPVC door to front room, small inner hall stores off, rear sitting room, kitchen, lobby, bathroom. Staircase to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms and upstairs W.C., double glazing, central heating where specified, front and rear gardens

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Offers based on £355,000

Viewing via: Oldbury Office

NEW

BARKER STREET, OLDBURY

Situated in an established residential area, this fully modernised mid terraced offers good accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing, includes two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms, gardens fore and rear, freehold.

Offers based on £89,950

Viewing via: Oldbury Office

REDUCED

STOUR HOUSE, QUEENSWAY, OLDBURY

Full internal inspection is highly recommended for this deceptively spacious ground floor apartment situated in a small block of similar type property in a very convenient locality close to the Wolverhampton Road. The property briefly comprises reception hall, two good bedrooms, spacious lounge/diner, recently refitted kitchen, well appointed bathroom, communal gardens fore and rear.

Offers based on £89,000

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REDUCED

BRISTNALL HALL ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated in an established residential neighbourhood, this excellently presented, traditional semi-detached residence requires full internal inspection to be appreciated. The well planned accommodation has been improved by the addition of gas fired central heating and double glazing, briefly comprises: Entrance hall, spacious through lounge, well fitted kitchen, side covered entry, three bedrooms, well appointed bathroom, excellent gardens, large double garage, freehold.

Offers based on £124,950

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REGENT AVENUE, TIVIDALE

Situated in a popular residential cul-de-sac, close to New Birmingham Road, excellently presented, traditional semi-detached offers good accommodation, with double glazing and gas-fired central heating. Reception hall, spacious through lounge, well-fitted kitchen, utility / laundry room, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, gardens. Freehold.

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BOROUGH CRESCENT, OLDBURY

This modern detached residence requires full internal inspection to be appreciated, it benefits from double glazing and gas fired central heating and offers good accommodation of front lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, inner hall with cloakroom, integral garage, large conservatory, four bedrooms (master with en suite), house bathroom, gardens fore and rear, freehold.

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KATHERINE ROAD, BEARWOOD

A superbly presented and recently refurbished freehold traditional style villa residence offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include two double bedrooms, refitted bathroom with individual shower compartment, hallway with impressive original Minton tiled floor, through lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen and gardens to the rear, having comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and with internal inspection to be appreciated.

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OLDACRE ROAD, BEARWOOD

A most beautifully improved, immaculate and expensively fitted freehold semi-detached residence located in an established and popular residential neighbourhood midway between the Wolverhampton New Road and Hagley Road West at Quinton, offering gas centrally heated, double glazed and fully alarmed accommodation to include two double bedrooms, occasional bedroom 3/leisure room, fully tiled and well fitted bathroom with individual shower and tub bath, hall, impressive lounge with feature fireplace, superb 19ft conservatory/dining room, fully equipped refitted kitchen with integrated white good, enclosed side entrance, off-street parking for two cars and ornamental gardens, being ideally deal for first time purchasers, having the benefit of comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and requiring internal inspection to be fully appreciated.

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GROVE ROAD

A well presented, deceptively spacious freehold semi detached property located in this extremely pleasant residential neighbourhood just one hundred yards or so from Warley Woods and offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, bathroom, hall, spacious lounge, kitchen, neatly laid out gardens to front and rear, detached garage, off street parking for two cars and also having the potential for extensions (subject to planning permission) requiring internal inspection to be appreciated.

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LIGHTWOODS HILL

Delightfully situated directly overlooking Lightwoods Park just a few hundred yards from both the main Hagley Road West and Bearwood shopping centre, a deceptively spacious traditional style freehold residence offering centrally heated and double glazed accommodation most carefully maintained and well presented to include three bedrooms, upstairs washroom/WC, 26ft through lounge/dining room, good size fitted kitchen, fully tiled bathroom and neat gardens and vehicular rear access, having an exceptional range of day-to-day amenities virtually on the doorstep, enjoying easy access to Birmingham City Centre and requiring an inspection to be fully appreciated.

Offers based on: £184,995

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SMITH CLOSE

Most pleasantly situated in a quiet, recently established residential close off William Road, a freehold semi-detached property offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, bathroom with electric shower, hall, downstairs cloakroom, spacious lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, neatly laid out garden to the rear, detached garage and having the benefit of off-street parking for three cars, with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand to include easy access to Bearwood and Birmingham city centre, with internal inspection to be appreciated.

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PARK ROAD, BEARWOOD

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HILL TOP ROAD

A superbly presented and most pleasantly situated, traditional freehold semi-detached residence offering much improved double glazed accommodation to include two double bedrooms, occasional bedroom 3/leisure room, well appointed bathroom with jacuzzi and shower, hall, attractive lounge with feature fireplace, superb L-shaped open plan fitted dining/kitchen, excellent conservatory, well stocked laid out gardens and substantial double garage, having the benefit of comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand, with easy access to Warley Woods and Bearwood shopping centre and requiring full internal inspection to be appreciated.

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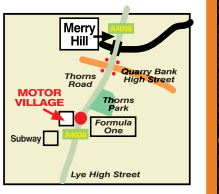

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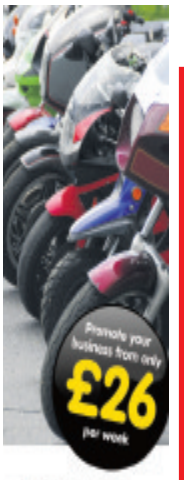

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THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (HARBORNE ROAD, OLDBURY) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE AND SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY) ORDER 2011

1 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell intends, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in Harborne Road, Oldbury from its junction with Hagley Road West to its junction with Devon Road.

2 The alternative route for vehicles will be via Hagley Road West, Beechwood Road and Devon Road.

3 Throughout the duration of the Order, the provisions of The County Borough of Warley (Harborne Road) Traffic Regulation Order 1966 shall be suspended.

4 The purpose and reason for the Order is to facilitate works associated with the Hagley Road West (A456)/ Wolverhampton Road (A4123) Junction Improvement Scheme.

5 The Order will take effect on 18th April 2011, and it is anticipated that the works may commence on that day. The works are expected to be completed on 30th November 2011. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.

6 Any queries about the works to take place should be directed to Tim Embury of Birmingham City Council on telephone number 08087 22 1206. Any queries about the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Keith Sansom, Traffic and Road Safety Manager, Environment House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, B70 8RU (Telephone 0121 569 4148).

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FEMALE slim, very beautiful, likes nights in, days out, WLTM down to earth male with GSOH, any age/race to pamper and love. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 363077

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OUTGOING sociable young female, 30, average looks, likes pubs, clubs, bowling, cinema, seeks gent, 30-45. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 362780

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HOME alone with no one to call my own! 38yr old naughty girl looking for fun. Can travel. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 363277

DEBBIE 38, fit size 12, WLTM intelligent man for fun relationship with no ties. Any age. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 360827

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30YRS old curvy black female seeks older male for cosy nights in. AGA Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 357743

FEMALE likes meals out, cinema, nights in, seeks male for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 361871

SHARON tall slim attractive, free spirit with no ties, loves romanticising and WLTM man for good times together, maybe more. Any age. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 359753

WENDY dark hair/eyes, medium build, seeks male for friendship and see what happens. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 361580

LADY 70's, seeks gent of similar age for friendship, days out and holidays. Dudley area. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 361043

SLIM 32yr old Blonde, kind, caring, good listener, honest, likes to have fun, seeks male. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 330373

BUBBLY female, 42, young at heart, honest, caring, likes eating out, clubs, cinema, theatre, meals out, seeks like-minded male/and more, 40-50. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 357010

42YR old Sagittarian 5ft 4ins, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks genuine, caring guy interested in films, meals out, country walks, gardening and travel, 45-55. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 358900

SHROPSHIRE lady 48, slim, attractive, N/S, seeks attractive male, 50-60ish plus for good times, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 359401

PROFESSIONAL independent lady 40, slim, blonde, attractive, varied interests, seeks intelligent, romantic, sincere, genuine male with GSOH for companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 350351

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SHROPSHIRE lady 37, likes countryside, sea, travel, cooking, sewing, food or farm, seeks special genuine gent for nice match. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 334241

CARING and honest lady 37, 5ft 2ins, WLTM very caring and honest gentleman. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 357085

KIND romantic loving lady slight disability, seeks genuine male for romance. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 357751

MARIA 38, blonde, 5ft 5ins, caring, likes nights in/out, seeks caring male for friendships, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 329370

SUE attractive, slim, 50's, green eyes, varied interests, trendy, GHAG, seeks special guy. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 130587

FEMALE 57, slim, 5ft 4ins, genuine, caring, seeks soul mate who is genuine and caring. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 358761

SLIM professional, attractive, sociable lady, 55, seeks genuine, sincere, professional gent, 55 plus with GSOH and enjoys the good things in life. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 356411

SHROPSHIRE female 40, seeks special local male to share life with. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 355050

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LINDA 70's, likes theatre, dancing, seeks nice gent for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 355801

ATTRACTIVE female, 42, slim, brunette, no ties, N/S, likes travel, nights out, weekends away, seeks slim male for possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 327570

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33YR old single male, seeks similar aged female. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 360153

GRAHAM young 66, 5ft 8ins, slim, grey hair, brown eyes, GSOH, likes sports, swimming, country walks, meals out, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 363305

TALL fit good looking friendly guy with GSOH, 40, seeks adventurous lady for fun only daytime liaisons. Halesowen. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 358747

MALE 58, likes nights in, seeks female, any age 40-60 for cosy nights in and adult fun. Must like dogs. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 362100

AFTAR 48, 5ft 8ins, black hair, seeks female, 28-48 for friendship, fun and maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 363555

49YR old male, kind, caring, seeks female, 38-45 to bring a sparkle to life, for fun, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 363603

WALSALL male, 57, youthful, young looks, honest, loyal, caring, seeks similar female view to ending lonely days and nights forever. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 363081

SHROPSHIRE male, 42, divorced, 5ft, dark hair, medium build, N/S, fun loving, caring, honest, varied interests, seeks similar lady 30-42 for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 363015

ADVENTUROUS with a passion for life and new experiences, 30 male, slim, dark hair, seeks female to share happiness with. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 352753

MALE 30, solvent, no ties, seeks special lady, 20-30, N/S for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 362500

ROBERT slim, intelligent, N/S, 50's, seeks attractive, younger female for uncomplicated friendship and fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 312443

GLAMOROUS granny 40-55 required by Cougar 58 for fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 362663

ATTRACTIVE male, 35, GSOH, caring, romantic, seeks slim female, 18-35. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 362707

TALL handsome male, 47, GSOH, likes romantic days/nights in/out, WLTM attractive, down to earth, young lady, 35-55, size unimportant. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 348611

ATTRACTIVE and girl wanted, 40-55, N/S. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 362611

TOMMY 34, 5ft 2ins, black hair, brown eyes, seeks female, 30-40 for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 362221

ROBERT 58, national trust member, honest, caring, likes most sports, travel, theatre, seeks lady for friendship, maybe more. Staffs. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 351067

MALE 42, WLTM similar for fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 362100

ROB 48, N/S, attractive, romantic, good fun, WLTM attractive female, 40-47 for nights out, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 164793

YOUNG 30yr old male, tall, fit, friendly, seeks similar lady for friendship. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 361489

MALE 49, N/S, seeks female to sparkle back into life. Wolverhampton. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 353781

BARRY slim 60, 65, clean, good looking, active, seeks female. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 361471

MALE 40, dark hair/eyes, fit, seeks fit, sporty, romantic female, 30-45 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 301701

FIT handsome, male, 40, GSOH, seeks lady, 33-43 for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 365160

MALE 38, good looking, fit, loving, caring, GSOH, WLTM female, 40-55 for friendship, possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 235383

DAVE 40, own home, likes pubs, clubs, dancing, meals out, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 337729

SHEFFIELD male, 42, genuine, honest, lots of love to give, seeks special lady 35-42. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 329402

GARY 34, 5ft 2ins, dark hair, blue eyes, seeks female for fun and LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6582 Box No: 362888

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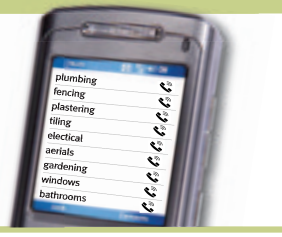

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NON-LEAGUE

Action from Tividale's 1-0 win at Wednesfield

Tivi' tee up title

WEDNESFIELD 0 TIVIDALE 1

A LATE goal from Brett Clark gave Tividale the points as they took another step towards the West Midlands Premier League title.

The home side's defensive duo of Danny Carter and Danny Forward were outstanding and held the visitors attack at bay. But the late winner means the visitors continue their march to take the championship.

The pattern of the game was set early on when Wednesfield's Carter headed wide from a corner on seven minutes. But the league leaders generally dominated the game without being able to push home their territorial advantage.

During an entertaining first half Lee Chilton rattled the Wednesfield bar in the 21st minute and Tividale's Adam Hill, Matt Salmon and Mark Turton all went close to opening the scoring. The second half began brightly with the Wednesfield attack continuing to pose the occasional threat, whilst the visitors continued to dominate territorially without being able to make a breakthrough.

Rookie

Sam Arnold, the young Wednesfield goalkeeper, had a fine game and continued to frustrate a Tividale attack which has scored over a century of league goals already this season.

The breakthrough did eventually come when on 85 minutes when Wednesfield's Carter got the ball stuck between his feet as he attempted to clear yet another Tividale ball into the box. The ball trickled to the edge of the penalty area to Clark, whose astute lob left the rookie Arnold stranded.

After scoring six goals without reply in midweek to hammer Dudley Town, the league leaders took the points with this solitary strike and registered a clean sheet for the third consecutive game. The result could well prove crucial for Tividale on a day when their closest rivals dropped points.

Villa share points but reveal team's split personality

EVERTON ...2
VILLA 2

IF EVER there was a game to sum up the split personality of Villa's season then this was it.

A first half which was flat, lacking in creativity and marred by defensive errors was in complete contrast to a performance after the break packed full of endeavour, goals and superb attacking play.

Maybe it is time that Gerard Houllier called in the psychologists to get to the bottom of exactly why Villa's performances are so erratic from one game to the next.

They were brilliant against Bolton – albeit in a losing cause – but absolutely dreadful at home against Wolves.

It is a pattern which has emerged for the whole season under Houllier and at Goodison Park it was perfectly encapsulated in 90 minutes.

It is easier to spot the symptoms of Villa's problems than to diagnose accurately what is wrong with the patient, let alone prescribe appropriate treatment. Certainly some of Villa's fans might need straitjackets to prevent them tearing their hair out between now and the end of the season with the relegation battle getting more intense.

It is increasingly apparent that Houllier needs to sign a captain in the summer because Ashley Young – despite leading by example on Merseyside – does not look up to the job.

Houllier needs a player who is his voice on the pitch and his eyes and ears in the dressing room and at the training ground, as well as someone who can organise on the pitch.

There are few obvious candidates within the current squad and Houllier himself has privately bemoaned the lack of leaders within the playing staff.

Recent platitudes towards current club skipper Stiliyan Petrov, who has of late been confined to a handful of substitute appearances, will prevent the boat from being rocked further but the feeling is that his days at Villa will come to an end sooner rather than later.

There are two other candidates for the role – defensive duo Richard Dunne and James Collins – and they were recalled to the starting line-up against Everton for the first time since the "spa incident".

Impressive

Luke Young came into the side at left-back while Gabby Agbonlahor started alongside Darren Bent in attack as Villa switched to a 4-4-2 system against an Everton side so depleted by injuries that their bench contained not a single minute of Premier League experience.

After a subdued start the impressive Stewart Downing went on a mazy dribble from the right flank but saw his shot blocked by John Heitinga.

Everton had a great chance to break the deadlock in the ninth minute when Jermaine Beckford latched on to Kyle Walker's weak header. But Villa goalkeeper Brad Friedel made a superb one-handed diving save to his left to push his low shot wide.

Villa went close in the 30th minute when Downing's corner from the right was headed back across goal by Dunne but Nigel Reo-Coker was denied by Tony Hibbert's last-ditch block.

A characteristic defensive lapse by Villa allowed Everton to open the scoring eight minutes later as Walker had his pocket picked by Diniyar Bilyaletdinov who played the ball to Leon Osman. The Everton midfielder ran towards goal and twisted and turned his way past Collins and Dunne inside the left edge of the penalty area, before his low finish was part blocked by Friedel but crawled over the line.

You sensed the knives were being sharpened at the half-time interval by the "Houllier out" brigade but the manner of the performance by the Frenchman's side after the break gave a glimpse into what he is trying to achieve.

Villa flew out of the blocks and caught Everton napping after the interval to pull level with a superb finish from Bent. Downing broke clear down the right flank and Leighton Baines opted to stay on his feet rather than challenge for the ball. The Villa winger picked out Bent who swept the ball past Tim Howard.

Villa went close again moments later when an Ashley Young free-kick from the left was fired into the box but Walker could only direct the ball over the bar from close range.

For a change it was Villa who were threatening from set-pieces rather than the opposition.

Beckford thought he had regained the lead for Everton in the 67th minute when he crashed a shot from just inside the area which bounced off the underside of the bar and out. Everton's players felt the ball had crossed the line but referee Mike Jones waved away their claims to reignite the debate about goal-line technology.

After being on the other end of such decisions in recent weeks Lady Luck had finally cast a fleeting glance the way of Villa and they took full advantage just moments later to take the lead.

Friedel's long punt upfield was met by the head of Phil Jagielka and the ball dropped to the feet of Ashley Young who lobbed it over the top of the Everton defence for Bent to run on to.

The £24m striker kept his composure as Howard narrowed the angle and needed only one touch to slot the ball into the net from just inside the penalty area.

Everton refused to lie down and equalised from the penalty spot seven minutes from time when Makoun clipped the heels of Jagielka just inside the box.

A "soft" penalty, Houllier said afterwards, and you sensed that perhaps referee Mike Jones was evening things up for Beckford's disallowed "goal". Baines stepped up to take the spot-kick and made no mistake as he blasted a low shot past Friedel to ensure the points were shared.

The prognosis for the remainder of Villa's season? Well, that depends on which of Villa's split personalities features more prominently during the next seven games and whether the Villa manager can prescribe the correct medicine.

Goal! Darren Bent beats Tim Howard at Goodison Park

TALKING POINT

LESS PRESSURE AWAY: Is the pressure and expectancy of playing at Villa Park transferring itself from the stands to the pitch? Villa have played with far more freedom, created more opportunities and looked much more relaxed away from home over the past few games. Hopefully the 'be the 12th man' campaign for the match against Newcastle on Sunday will be a chance to create a positive vibe. Villa fans were in great voice at Goodison Park and it lifted the players in the second half.

Next three games...

NEWCASTLE (H) APR 10
Win this game and you feel that Villa will have the momentum to finish the season on a positive note.

WEST HAM (A) APR 16
Without doubt a relegation six-pointer and victory at Upton Park would go a long way towards putting minds at ease.

STOKE (H) APR 23
Villa possess much more quality than Stoke but they must be up for the fight in a physical encounter.

Jakab nets yet another hat-trick

TIPTON TOWN 4 ALVECHURCH 0

JOSEF Jakab struck his fifth hat-trick of the season as Tipton returned to winning ways with a Midland Alliance win against Alvechurch.

Jakab has netted four hat-tricks in the last five weeks in a run that has seen him score 16 times in his last nine games.

Tipton made just one change from Thursday's defeat at Boldmere with Ryan Mosedale coming in for Steve Palmer. It was a sluggish start from the home side in an unconvincing first half, Jakab missed the target early on as both sides struggled. Alvechurch had a chance through DJ Pitt and Jakab headed a Marcus Jackson cross wide of the post.

The breakthrough came eight minutes before the interval. The visitors failed to clear and Lee Osbourne's header was blocked, Jakab reacted quickest to head past Richard Taylor from six yards.

Mitch Plows replaced the injured Alex Cowley at the break and Plows almost doubled Tipton's lead with a rasping drive from distance that was pushed away by the keeper.

Tipton were far better after the break as Alvechurch struggled to get out of their own half. Jakab headed a Plows cross wide and Osbourne was denied by Taylor.

The game was made safe with two goals in five minutes midway through the second half.Jakab added a second when he made a dart to the near post to convert Jackson's corner and Danny Bragoli got into double figures for the season when he headed home after Mosedale crossed from the right.

Tipton made two further changes with Danny Campbell replacing Osbourne and youngster Warren Brooks made his debut in place of Mosedale.

Matt Sargeant saved from Pitt after the striker had capitalised on a defensive error but the Tipton keeper saved.

Tipton looked for more goals, Jackson was denied by a smart save from Taylor and twice Jakab almost scored, firstly curling an effort just wide of the far post and then volleying John Hill's cross just wide.

Jakab wasn't to be denied and did complete his hat-trick in injury time. Brooks delivered a corner which was flicked on by Ross Brown and Jakab picked his spot to give the keeper no chance.

GORNAL ATHLETIC 1 BUSTLEHOLME 1

IN an evenly-matched game the home side took the lead thanks to a great strike from Richard Young.

Bustleholme were missing influential players Jordan Perks, Ryan Trumpeter and Ash Grainger but kept plugging away and eventually forced an equaliser when a superb Connor Scott cross was met by Darren Leonard, who headed into the roof of the net.

Although both teams went for the win, the West Midlands Premier game ended with the points shared.

The best competing at bowls tournament

THE £3,820 CCF Open crown green bowling competition reaches its climax at West Bromwich Football Supporters Club on Sunday.

Starting at 11am the 32 bowlers to qualify for the final stages will be competing for the £1000 first prize and a place in the prestigious British Crown Green Bowling Association Champion of Champions event.

This year's competition, now into its 33rd year, has once again seen top players from across the whole country taking part and this is reflected in bowlers from 13 different counties appearing in the final 32.

The first round draw has produced some fascinating matches in what is again an extremely strong field. The first game on the green is a difficult one to call with former All England winner Darren Smith facing another left hander, the much improved Clay Flattley from Shrewsbury.

The pick of the opening games however is the match between the 'new kid on the block' Callam Wraight also from Shrewsbury, who despite his young age has already won the All England and Warwick and Worcester stalwart and former winner Paul Gamsby. Gamsby holds the record number of county caps and so has bags of experience at the top level. He is still a formidable competitor and has entered this competition every year since it began in 1978.

Another intriguing first round game is between Merseyside's former Waterloo champion Dave McDermott and Coventry's prolific competition player Darren Plenderleith. Both looked in excellent form when qualifying although his greater knowledge of the green means Plenderleith may just have the edge.

Sure to start favourite will be the winner in 2006 and runner up in 2008 Yorkshire's Graeme Wilson. Arguably the game's top player, he faces 15-year-old Conor Chamberlain from Derbyshire in his opening game, a tough test for young Chamberlain who is making his first appearance in the competition.

Whoever wins that game will find progress hard going in a very tough section which includes three former Waterloo winners in Shropshire's Andrew Moss, Chris Macdonald from Macclesfield and top Potteries star Kerry Morris.

Morris has a relatively poor record in this competition for a player of his pedigree and will be determined to lift one of the few titles to evade him. Also well fancied will be Preston's Simon Coupe who faces Kings Norton's Chris Baker in his opener and if Coupe reproduces his qualifying form he could well be the one to beat.

Others who qualified in sparkling form are Newport's Peter Farmer and left-hander John Bailey from Wales who will both figure amongst the favourites at the start.

Warley

Amongst the local hopes is Kirk Stevens from West Brom Labour Club who was very impressive when qualifying and will no doubt receive plenty of vocal support. He has a very tough opener though against John Bailey in another clash of the left handers. Another local hoping for success is county star Steve Darling from the George at Warley who faces a fascinating encounter with county colleague Boldmere's John Evans.

All spectators are welcome at the Westbourne Road venue and with a rare chance to see the game's top players in action, a large crowd is expected.

Full draw: Darren Smith (Stretton Anglesey) v Clay Flattley (Castlefields), Paul Fellows (Colebrook) v Paul Lamb (Copsewood), Lol Preece (Woodfield) v Justin Hemmings (KHP), Graham Law (Lloyds) v Peter Farmer (Newport), Callam Wraight (Castlefields) v Paul Gamsby (KHP), Stuart Mort (Tonge) v Ian Booth (Lower Hopton), Allan Parsons (Chadsmoor) v Gavin Dunkley (Moseley C.C), John Bailey (Llanrwst) v Kirk Stevens (W.B. Labour), Kevin Jones (Chester Road) v Stuart Perry (Attleborough), John Evans (Boldmere S.M) v Steve Darling (George), Simon Coupe (Tonge) v Chris Baker (Kings Norton), Dave McDermott (Heswall RBL) v Darren Plenderleith (Wilnecote), Andrew Moss (Chester Road) v Glyn Picknell (St Georges), Graeme Wilson (Lower Hopton) v Conor Chamberlain (Stretton Anglesey), Chris Macdonald (Railway) v Steve Pratt (Copsewood), Rich Burdett (Highway) v Kerry Morris (Birches Head Hotel)..

Sisters Samantha Murray, left and Donna Ebanks along with Ben Ebanks promote the Water Lilies fun swimming lessons at The Meadows Sports College in Oldbury

Sisters plunging into new venture

TWO sisters from Tipton are celebrating the launch of their new swimming school by holding a fundraising fun day next week.

Samantha Murray and Donna Ebanks' Water Lilies class, aimed at swimmers of all ages and abilities, begins at The Meadows Sports College on May 9. Ahead of the launch they're hosting a swimming fun day to raise money for the special school on Dudley Road East, Oldbury.

It takes place next Thursday (April 14) from noon to 2pm and includes pre-booked half-hour sessions of relay races and fun and games for children aged between five and 10. Admission is £1, although other donations are welcome and all funds will go towards the school's appeal for a new specialist pool hoist.

Samantha, aged 24, has recently completed her lifeguard and swimming instructor qualifications and said she was looking forward to giving something back to The Meadows ahead of her new business venture.

Children

"The fun day is all about fundraising for the school," she said. "Me and Donna are very excited about setting up Water Lilies."

Water Lilies runs from May until July and an aqua fit class is being planned for next year. Three swimming school sessions lasting 30 minutes will take place every Monday evening; for first-timers aged between five and seven, older children and adult beginners.

Teaching in the water is also offered for adults and nervous pupils. For more information and to book a place on the fun day or swimming school, call 07724 187972.

Speedway's next generation in action

BRITAIN'S brightest young talent will take to the Perry Barr track tonight (Thursday) when the Birmingham Bulls host the American Touring Team.

With the senior Brummies side taking a week off it gives supporters a chance to watch the nation's future stars in competitive action.

The America side will be on a tour of the UK which sees them also visiting a number of National League tracks. They will also be tracking some emerging youngsters, combined with a selection of more experienced riders such as former Brummies favourite Shawn McConnell.

The Bulls team will be managed by Great Britain Under-21 boss Phil Morris and the popular Welshman is eagerly looking forward to what promises to be an exciting night of action.

He said: "As team manager I have picked a young British team of riders and I have great confidence that the 1-7 is a very strong. I'm sure they will provide great entertainment and we're all looking forward to it. These are the guys of the future and I hope the fans turn out in large numbers to support the lads in this exciting fixture.

"I'm also personally looking forward to the task of team manager and hope we can end with a deserved victory. I loved my time racing for the Brummies, so I was very proud to be asked to organise and manage the Birmingham Bulls.

"This fits in well with my other speedway commitments, such as looking after under-21 speedway and also being involved with Neil Middleditch in the Team GB set-up."

BULLS: Jack Hargreaves, Tom Perry, Tim Webster, Brendon Johnson, Paul Starke, Ben Reade, Darryl Ritchings.

DUDLEY HEATHENS hero Tom Perry has a new sponsorship deal. Perry, 18, won the club's rider of the year award last October.

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Mutual respect – rival bosses Kenny Dalglish and Roy Hodgson shake hands

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33	Scharner	➡1 🦶1 ✖3 ✔2 ☞2
21	Mulumbu	★1 ✖1 ✔1 ◆1
11	Brunt	★5 ☞4
31	Cox	★2 ✧1 ✔2 ☞1
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Liverpool	31	9	4	2	26	12	4	2	10	16	26	45
Everton	31	6	7	3	26	22	3	7	5	16	19	41
Bolton	31	8	5	2	28	19	2	5	9	15	24	40
Newcastle	31	5	6	5	36	23	5	3	7	12	23	39
Fulham	31	7	6	3	23	16	1	8	6	13	17	38
Stoke	31	8	4	4	25	16	3	1	11	12	23	38
Sunderland	31	6	5	4	18	16	3	6	7	15	26	38
WEST BROM	**31**	**6**	**6**	**4**	**26**	**26**	**3**	**3**	**9**	**17**	**31**	**36**
Blackburn	31	6	5	4	19	13	3	2	11	20	38	34
Birmingham	30	5	7	4	16	19	2	6	6	14	23	34
Aston Villa	31	6	5	4	22	17	2	5	9	17	36	34
Blackpool	31	4	3	7	23	27	5	3	9	22	36	33
West Ham	31	5	4	7	22	25	2	7	6	16	28	32
Wolverhampton	31	7	3	5	24	22	2	2	12	12	31	32
Wigan	31	4	7	6	18	31	2	6	6	11	20	31

Spot on . . . Albion's Chris Brunt blasts home his second penalty of the afternoon to clinch a memorable win against Liverpool

Pictures: Tim Sturgess

Brilliant Baggies hit new heights

AFTER waiting three decades to taste success over the Merseyside giants, there was joy unconfined for 22,000-plus home fans when the final whistle confirmed a richly-deserved win.

Baggies boss Roy Hodgson refused to be drawn into talk of retribution over the club that sacked him less than three months ago. Yet it's tough to imagine how, in a private moment on Saturday evening, the Hawthorns chief didn't allow himself a wry smile after masterminding a chastening experience for his ex-employers.

The Hawthorns faithful certainly loved it and, by the final pulsating seconds, the old ground was rocking like it rarely has since the 'Great Escape' day in 2005.

Saturday was a genuinely significant day for Albion and Hodgson who, less than two months after taking the reins, masterminded their most impressive win in recent years. In a season that had already witnessed some hugely memorable days, that is no small claim. But the evidence was overwhelming.

ALBION 2
LIVERPOOL 1

Saturday's was, quite simply, the Baggies' most complete 90-minute Premier League display in years – better even than the wonderful victory at Arsenal in September. While the Emirates Stadium glory was built on a scintillating 20-minute spell in the second half and a nervy, backs-to-the-wall finale, Saturday's success was a triumph for all-round dominance and solidity.

Aside from a nervous opening 10 minutes, Albion dominated to claim a victory that propelled them as high as 12th place.

There were no weak links in the Baggies' team; no passengers as they closed out a triumph that could do just as much for the club's psychology as it did for the ever-changing landscape of a fascinating survival battle.

Not since 1981 had Albion beaten the Reds. And in nine previous Premier League meetings they had collected neither a goal nor a point against them.

Those records were ripped up on Saturday as Hodgson's side made the most emphatic statement yet about the new-found purpose and direction he has brought to the Hawthorns.

Another record was broken, too, as victory took the Baggies to their highest Premier League points total – for which the new boss must share the plaudits with predecessor Roberto Di Matteo. That fact that 36 points with seven games remaining guarantees nothing says much for the magnitude of Hodgson's challenge.

Safety

Baggies fans can only hope the new leader can steer them to safety. There are signs that, if he can negotiate the six weeks ahead, Hodgson could build something substantial.

After recovering from a sluggish start, Albion went on to dominate the first half against a Liverpool side who had shown signs of resurgence under Kenny Dalglish.

Baggies did not deserve to be a goal behind on 50 minutes, although there was no denying the quality of Raul Meireles' corner or the emphatic nature of Martin Skrtel's run and header. The hosts were good value for the equaliser that arrived when hapless substitute Sotirios Kyrgiakos felled livewire Peter Odemwingie. Skipper Chris Brunt smashed home the resultant penalty on 62.

From then on it was relegation-threatened Baggies and not the Reds who were more likely victors and they could not be begrudged another spot-kick when Kyrgiakos again lost out to Odemwingie and keeper Pepe Reina tripped the forward with two minutes to go. The nerveless nature of Brunt's second penalty – rifled just inside Reina's right-hand upright – spoke volumes for the belief that has returned.

A fabulous save by Scott Carson from Luis Suarez, followed seconds later by Nicky Shorey's potentially priceless goalline clearance from the Uruguayan, was evidence of the determination and unity of purpose that has returned since the new man's arrival.

By the end, Baggies fans were taunting the travelling Reds by acclaiming Albion's new boss. The message was quite clear. After a nightmare spell on Merseyside, Hodgson has again found a club where he is wanted.

And Liverpool's loss is most certainly Albion's gain.

TALKING POINT

IS PETER ODEMWINGIE THE PREMIER LEAGUE'S BARGAIN OF THE SEASON?

The Baggies' top forward had the perfect chance on Saturday to measure himself against two of the costliest strikers in the Premier League in £35m man Andy Carroll and £22m Luis Suarez.

And, despite some classy moments from Liverpool's Uruguayan jack-in-the-box, it was the Baggies' leading scorer who always looked like the most dangerous front-runner on the pitch.

Odemwingie's age – he will turn 30 in July – might limit his re-sale value but the £2m deal that brought him to The Hawthorns from Lokomotiv Moscow looks better value with each week that passes.

Next three games…

SUNDERLAND (A) APR 9
The Baggies have a chance to complete a rare Premier League double with victory on Wearside, having beaten the Black Cats early in the season at The Hawthorns.

CHELSEA (H) APR 16
Can Roy Hodgson's men back up a draw against Arsenal and victory over Liverpool by shocking another of the Premier League's 'big boys'?

TOTTENHAM (A) APR 23
Another of England's Champions League sides await the Baggies during Easter weekend in the shape of Harry Redknapp's Spurs.

We did it for the boss, say players

ALBION players celebrated victory over Liverpool by telling boss Roy Hodgson: "We won it for you".

The Baggies defeated the Reds for the first time in 30 years on Saturday to boost their survival chances and give Hodgson a memorable triumph over his former side.

While the Hawthorns head coach refused to speak of revenge over the club that sacked him in January, his players dedicated the victory to their new boss.

Leading scorer Peter Odemwingie, who won his side's two crucial penalties, said: "The first thing was to win and after that I wanted to score. But one of the factors – maybe 10 or 20 per cent of it – was knowing the importance of the game for the manager.

"No 1 is winning for points to stay in the league but then there is an extra thing that we know the manager will be happy if we get points in this particular game."

Midfielder Paul Scharner added: "If you imagine you are in the same situation and get sacked at a club, then to beat them quite well, it means you are quite happy. He didn't say it but you could see it.

"He is very calm actually, he doesn't show things on the outside. But inside, and at home, I'm sure he will be celebrating this week."

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Wwinger Jerome Thomas said: "We all work in the industry and know how much the game would have meant to the gaffer, especially with the way it ended for him at Liverpool.

"The work he has put into us, and the way he prepared us for the game, showed on the pitch.

"It was nice to get the win for him.

"He was all smiles after the game. But he did say even if we hadn't come in with the win he would have been pleased with the way we played."

Hodgson insisted: "A line was drawn under Liverpool on January 8 and will continue to be drawn under it. I'm enjoying my life here, it was a very important victory and the only extra satisfaction it gives me is that it was against a top team."

Captain Chris Brunt hailed Peter Odemwingie as the key to Albion's victory over Liverpool. Brunt saluted leading scorer Odemwingie, who won the spot-kicks that gave Albion the 2-1 win.

"Peter was absolutely brilliant on Saturday and he deserved a goal," said Brunt. "When he was going in for the second penalty I was screaming at him to shoot but that's Peter, he's a laid-back lad and he doesn't really panic. He was fantastic all day and caused them all sorts of problems."

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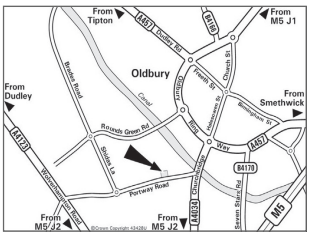

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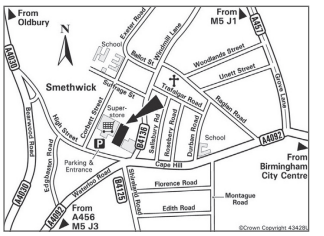

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